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Kern Memorial Service

A memorial service was held on Monday for Chris Kern '03, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident this summer. Family and friends attended and spoke at the tribute. ***See article page 2***

Athletics forum provides data on athletes' academic performances

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Students and faculty gathered to hear and discuss statistics presented by the Committee on Athletics on Monday.

Spurred by a book, The Game of Life, whose authors contend that recruited athletes, even at Division III schools, tend to under-perform academically and that athletes' academic performance overall is on a downward trend, the committee collected data to find out whether the claim was valid for Hamilton. The committees, along with the help of Andrea Habbel, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, collected and combined data about athletes from a Hamilton database and paper copies of coaches' rosters. This information mirrored the data from the book.

"We wanted any discussion about the book to be grounded in Hamilton-specific data," said committee chair Sally Cockburn.

The data that the committee collected was based on the classes of 1995 and 1999. Results were broken down by athletes' gender and whether they played high or low profile sports. In The Game of Life, high profile sports were defined as men's football, hockey, and basketball.

"I think we have to question that grouping of sports," said Cockburn. "There's good reasoning for it at Division I schools where those sports are the big money makers, but it's not so clear at Division III schools." She pointed out that the Hamilton men's lacrosse team has some of the highest recruitment rates of any sport at the college.

When coaches meet with players, they fill out a card for their admissions folder rating them from one (best) to five (worst). For the statistical analysis, the committee defined recruited athletes as those whom coaches rated as a one or two.

Although the committee is still in the process of collecting data, President Tobin said that the initial analysis put Hamilton in a better position than many of the other NESCAC schools. "Most importantly, what we want to come with tonight is that there's nothing we're doing wrong," he said.

Cockburn pointed out that the athletes' academic performance is not as poor as the book implies and that women and low profile athletes seem to be academically even with or above "students-at-large." "If there exists a problem, it's less of a problem than at other NESCAC schools," she said.

"The high profile recruited males' data is troubling, but shaky. I wouldn't want to draw too many conclusions without more data," said Cockburn.

Steve Orvis, associate professor of government, showed more concern about the high profile recruited male athletes' lower GPAs: "84.7 (the average stu-

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Phi Beta Chi makes first moves in quest for recognition

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

Representatives from the suspended sorority Phi Beta Chi (PBX) met with members of the Inter-Society Council (ISC) on Nov. 12 to discuss the possibilities of reinstatement after their six year hiatus from the college. This meeting was the first in a series of steps that PBX will be taking over the year in order to become recognized by the college as a formal society.

According to Lisa Magnarelli, Interim Director of Student Activities, there is no set procedure for reinstatement because the college has only faced this dilemma three times in its long history with Greek societies. One of these circumstances was Theta Delta Chi's (TDX) bid for reinstatement during the 1995-1996 academic year. More recently, the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) were granted recognition from the college after a two year suspension.

After presenting a revised constitution and answering questions from ISC members on topics ranging from philanthropy to pledge education, the potential sisters of Phi Beta Chi left the meeting with the hope that the ISC would recommend their proposal to the administration.

The ISC consists of the president and a representative from each of the eight fraternities and three sororities; it is chaired by Delta Kappa Epsilon brother Dave Lyons '03.

Lyons described the presentation saying, "It was very good and thorough. They presented a sound plan for philanthropy and pledge education." He added that the representatives are dedicated to clearing the sorority's name and improving the perception of societies at Hamilton in general.

After a long debate over their turgid history and the recent attempts by the sisters to improve their standing with the college, the ISC did recommend that PBX be allowed to return to campus. According to Lyons, the vote was nearly unanimous in favor of reinstating the society, with only one vote against the reinstatement and one abstention.

"There was a serious debate and there were legitimate concerns from both fraternities and sororities on the board," said Lyons. "One of the deciding factors was that the representatives are so far removed, it's almost like they are starting a new society."

In the ICS's letter of recommendation to Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell, Lyons urged the administration to follow the ISC's lead in reinstating the sorority.

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Admission applications steadily increasing

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

With Hamilton's growing popularity and reputation over the last decade, it has seen a steady increasing in the number of applications, allowing the college to become more selective, admitting a student body with even more outstanding academic records than in previous years. Last year, the number of applications rose to 4,601 - the most ever received by Hamilton.

"The question was whether last year was an anomaly in terms of the number of applications," said Richard Fuller, Dean of Admissions. This question was quickly put to rest after the Nov. 15 Early Decision deadline this year. The number of Early Decision I applicants rose 20% from the previous year and, in response to the enormous number of interested students, the College intends to increase the first-year class size to 475 students, a number slightly larger than last year's class.

In the mid-1990s, less than half of the admitted students were in the top 10% of their graduating class. In contrast, last year 62% of admitted students came from the top 10% of their high school class; average SAT scores of students applying to Hamilton have increased; and, in response to the growing number of applicants, the acceptance rate has dropped from about 50% in the mid-1990s to about 35% for the class of 2005.

Fuller says that the increased number of applicants is a combination of "great community support" and the fact that President Eugene Tobin and the trustees of

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Vickers accepts DA's plea bargain

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Anna Phoebe Vickers '04 pleaded guilty to the charge of speeding in Kirkland Town Court Tuesday night. Assistant District Attorney Mathew Wortth granted Vickers a plea bargain of a speeding ticket as a substitute for charges she received after causing an accident in McEwen Circle, said Wortth. Kirkland Police initially charged Vickers with speed not reasonable for conditions, leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, and reckless driving.

Vickers drove her Volvo station wagon 50 feet across a pedestrian walkway near Milbank residence hall at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, according to Kirkland Police reports. Kirkland Police Chief Daniel English described Vickers as "definitely under the influence of alcohol [at the scene of the accident]." Vickers, who left the scene of the accident and initially denied driving the vehicle, later admitted to driving the vehicle, said English. Because Vickers was not identifiable as the driver at the scene of the accident, she did not have to submit to a breathalyzer test, said English.

Vickers, who was represented by an attorney in her meeting with the District Attorney, declined to comment on the plea bargain.

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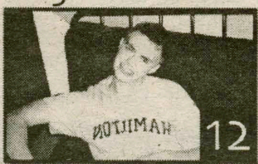

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Memorial service held in Chapel for Chris Kern

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS WRITER

Friends and family gathered in the Chapel at noon on Monday to celebrate the life of Chris Kern '03, who died this past July of injuries suffered in a hit-and-run accident. A lunch reception in the Hub followed the memorial service.

"The memorial service and the lunch afterwards gave students and Chris's family a chance to interact with one another," said Reverend Jeffery McArn, who led the Opening Prayer. "It was really a very nice occasion."

Both events were well attended by Chris's family, friends, professors, hockey and lacrosse teammates, and fraternity brothers.

The Memorial Service opened with a greeting from President Tobin, followed by a prayer from Reverend McArn. Maurice Michaane '03 and Stephen Kern, Chris' cousin, also spoke, adding scriptural readings to the Memorial Service.

Despite these readings, psalms, and prayers, the Memorial Service did not have a religious focus.

"It was not primarily religious. It was more of an informal gathering to celebrate his life, to honor him and reflect on the reality of death," McArn explained. "The hope was and is that the love Chris shared with his family and friends can carry us into the future."

In addition to the scriptural readings, the memorial service included a musical reflection on Chris's life, introduced by close friend Will Droste '03. Even Hamilton students had the opportunity to voice their thoughts. Letters from Phil Sambrazis '03 and Randy Bruce '03, both currently abroad, were read aloud by Justin Tavano '03, and Molly Davidson '03, respectively.

Chris's mother, Anne Kern, also spoke at the service, reflecting on the upcoming holiday season, the first one she will spend without her son.

"The Chris we knew was very unselfish, caring, and giving. He reminded me to include sharing and consideration for others. As he said, 'Mom, not everyone is fortunate enough to have three beautiful children to love and enjoy during the holidays like you do.' One very difficult question for us now is 'How many children do you have?' I will say, 'Three, but one is not here right now,'" she said in memory of her son.

Mrs. Kern's simple words moved the grieving assembly of friends and family.

"When his mother spoke, it was a powerful moment," said McArn of Mrs. Kern's reflections. "She had gone through all of this with the funeral in July. To go through another grieving process with us here at Hamilton was really a special thing."

In addition, the Memorial Service highlighted select pieces of artwork. The first, a video collage created by Chris's family, detailed the life of Chris Kern on film.

"For every picture on the collages, we have a funny story," said Mrs. Kern. "We have great memories. We had great fun with him. He was a family jewel."

Chris's family also brought a drawing to the Memorial Service. The sketch, which Chris had created while still in high school, depicted a squirrel.

"It was just beautiful," said Reverend McArn with a smile. "It really helped to bring his presence back to campus."

Two students hit by drunk driver

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Two Hamilton students were hit by a drunk driver on Route 233 near Westmoreland High School when driving back to school after Thanksgiving break.

David Ensminger, 44, of Rome, NY was driving north in a 2001 KIA sedan when he swerved into the oncoming traffic lane, hitting the 1999 Jeep Wrangler of Sean Fair '03 and forcing it to spin off the road into a guardrail. Dan Kaufmann '03 was in the passenger seat of Fair's vehicle.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene of the accident.

The officer at the scene reported a "strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" on Ensminger and performed a Standardized Field Sobriety Test. Based on the test, the vehicle Ensminger was driving, which officers later determined to be stolen, was impounded, and he was charged with DWI, according to the police report.

The DWI charge was Ensminger's third, said Kaufmann.

Fair and Kaufmann were both taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica, where they were each treated for minor concussions and released.

Fair's Jeep was completely destroyed, as was much of his and Kaufmann's personal property. The two estimate that $22,500 worth of personal property was destroyed in the accident, including the vehicle.

"I have no idea who's paying for all this," said Fair, who explained that because Ensminger was driving a stolen vehicle, it was unclear whose insurance would cover the damage.

Although the Oneida County Sheriff's Department has not followed up with Fair or Kaufmann, they believe that Ensminger is still in jail.

"I'd like to see him put away for a long time, if not for life. Obviously, this guy has no respect for human life," said Fair.

Long-term plan for building renovations presented to Trustees

by Sarah Karalunas
NEWS EDITOR

President Eugene Tobin and Vice President of Something Important Karen Leach will present the capital projects list to the Board of Trustees Planning Committee this weekend. This list includes major renovation for a number of buildings in the next five to seven years, including North, Kirkland, and Dunham Residence Halls.

"We're constantly renewing and replacing parts of buildings," said VP of Something Else Important Dan O'Leary. He pointed out that Eels, Ferguson, Wolcott, South, and Carnegie had all been renovated in the past seven to eight years. Kirkland and North have not been majorly renovated since the 1960's; major renovations were last done in Dunham in 1957-58.

The proposed renovations will include new boiler and electrical systems as well as interior changes so that fewer students will live in each dorm.

"After World War II, so many people were coming to college that everywhere there was a trend towards smaller rooms. In the past five to seven years the general trend in education is towards bigger rooms," said O'Leary. He attributed the shift in college dorm size to college's desire to attract students and to the fact that students today tend to bring more to college with them than students in the past did.

Fewer students living in North, Kirkland, and Dunham, should not create any housing problems, said O'Leary, because the college currently has more beds, than students.

Students have had mixed reactions to the proposed renovations. Crystal Kim '04, a resident advisor in Dunham, pointed out that the fishbowl rooms in Dunham were not originally built to be rooms and could be much better utilized as study or game rooms. Kim also said that if the college made the building more attractive, including new carpeting and walls, students would be more likely to respect the building and not trash it.

Other students worried that reducing the size of residence halls too much would make them less appealing for freshmen who want to meet people. "It would be a turn-off to have fewer people in North.

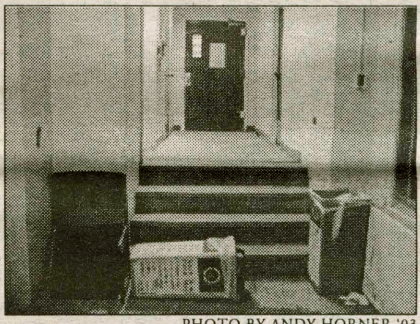

PHOTO BY ANDY HORNER '03

RAs say improving the appearance of buildings will inspire students to respect their dorms.

It's pretty small as it is," said Hansraj Bhukhmohan '05. He suggested that renovations to Kirner Johnson and other "dark-side" buildings should be more pressing.

O'Leary agreed that academic buildings such as the science building, KJ, and the performance and studio art buildings, which are also on the list of capital projects, are priorities for the college officers: "Believe it or not our dorms are some of the nicest. We're just keeping them fine-tuned, so to speak. Our greatest needs are in the academic [building] areas."

This weekend, the Planning Committee and administration will determine long-term goals for renovations, said O'Leary. Then, the Buildings, Grounds, and Energy Committee will begin to finalize the details, such as exactly what changes will be made and what order projects will be completed in.

Any renovations to residence halls will take place in between academic years, to disrupt living arrangements as little as possible, said O'Leary. He pointed out that similar renovation in both South and Carnegie were completed between May and August and did not interfere with housing availability.

Spec-nabbers strike again, newspapers disappear from campus

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Friday afternoon before Thanksgiving break, approximately 1200 copies of *The Spectator* were removed from McEwen, Beinecke, Commons, and the Bristol Center. A *Spectator* staff member filed a theft report to the Office of Campus Safety Friday night.

Copies of *The Spectator* were distributed at approximately 3 p.m. on Friday. By 6 p.m. there were no papers remaining at distribution locations. In response to the theft of the hard copy issues, *The Spectator* sent an all-campus email providing links to the *Spec On-Line*.

Campus Safety Nighttime Supervisor Wayne Gentile investigated the theft. As of publication time the investigation had not yielded any results. Ingalls said that students with information about the theft can call her office, email her, or use the anonymous TIPS line to aid in the investigation.

"The Spectator is a service to the community. Removing it takes away an avenue for news, and the whole community suffers," said Ingalls.

"The removal of over a thousand *Spectators* is no better than any form of campus damage. It defaces school property and wastes the hard work of our entire staff," said *Spectator* Managing Editor Christopher Preston '03.

Judicial Board Chair Sara Weinstein '02 said the J-Board would hear a case resulting from an investigation. She said that a student could be charged with stealing campus property and disruptive behavior.

"The theft was tasteless and shows no class," said Acting Student Media Board Chair and Student Media Board Chair Elect David Lyons '03.

"I'm very pleased with *The Spectator* for covering real campus stories, stories that matter to students. [The theft] was childish and clearly did not stop the flow of news stories," said Lyons.

"[The theft] was juvenile. It is one more example of the lack of respect students have for one another," said Interim Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli.

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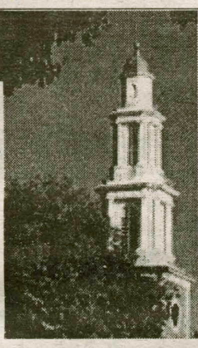

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Study shows women university presidents paid less than male peers

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Female college presidents earn less money and face more challenges than their male counterparts, according to a recent report by the American Council on Education.

Nearly 20 percent of the nation's college presidents are women, more than double the number a decade ago. But women presidents are not as readily accepted as males, the report said.

The salary disparity was most noticeable at community colleges, where the majority of female presidents are concentrated. In addition, women hold few of the higher-paying presidencies at large, doctoral-granting institutions. Only 9 percent of the presidents at such private universities are women, and only 15 percent at such public universities are female, the report said.

The Ivy League currently has three female presidents: Judith Rodin at the University of Pennsylvania, Shirley Tilghman at Princeton University and Ruth Simmons at Brown University.

Rodin's salary was the second highest out of all university presidents for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. She was the only female in the top 10 earners that year and in 1998-99, when she earned $655,557 as the top-paid research university president. New York University's Jay Oliva, the second-highest earner, earned $649,633 that year, and Simmons earned $354,489 at Smith College, according to the Chronicle.

Simmons attributes this salary disparity to the different negotiating tactics of men and women.

SAT scores still stuck in New Jersey post offices

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — For 7,800 high school students who took the SAT I and II on Oct. 13, answer sheets remain stuck in post offices in Trenton and Princeton, N.J.; as a result they may have to apply to colleges before receiving their scores.

And though students applying to University of California still must turn in applications by Friday's deadline, the score delay should not affect applicants, UC spokesman Brad Hayward said.

"We will do what we can to accommodate the needs of students affected by this," Hayward said. "The UC system will accept December SAT scores from those students affected by the delay."

Normally answer sheets from the exam are sent to the Educational Testing Service in Princeton for scoring. The tests are sent via an overnight express service such as FedEx, UPS or DHL. But 1 percent of the tests — the ones stuck in the post office —were mailed first class.

The post offices in Trenton and Princeton have been closed since Oct. 18 and 27, respectively, due to anthrax contamination.

U. Texas ends pursuit of Hopwood appeal

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — University of Texas officials said Tuesday they will not pursue any appeal in the Hopwood case, putting the 9-year-old lawsuit to rest.

"We vigorously pursued appeals, arguing the complex issues surrounding affirmative action, to resolve these important issues for the nation at large," said Charles Miller, chairman of the UT Board of Regents. "It is now impossible to take another appeal on the merits of affirmative action in the context of the Hopwood case, and given that impossibility, we have decided not to further appeal the award of court costs and attorneys' fees."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals handed down the Hopwood decision in 1996, effectively ending affirmative action in Texas public colleges and universities. The decision stemmed from a 1992 lawsuit filed by four white UT Law School candidates who claimed less-qualified applicants were admitted to the school based on their race. The case is named for one of the plaintiffs, Cheryl Hopwood.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

N. Alliance OKs security force idea

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — Talks on Afghanistan's political future gained momentum Thursday, with the northern alliance dropping its rejection of international security forces and moving closer to a power-sharing agreement to end Afghan suffering.

U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi. AP

Both the northern alliance and the United Nations, which is sponsoring the talks among four Afghan factions, struck a positive note on the third day of bargaining. With the international community seeking an end to two decades of war, the Afghans are under pressure to decide by the weekend on security and an interim authority that would run the country until March, when a national council would convene.

"If we had not turned our back on Afghanistan 10 years ago, we would not be sitting here today," U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said. "But nevertheless, we are here."

"The Afghan problem has never had so much attention and will never again have such great attention. If we don't seize this opportunity, it will be a very grave mistake."

The talks in the luxury Petersberg hotel gained new urgency with reports that the northern alliance forces were moving into Kandahar, the last stronghold of the Taliban, which ruled most of Afghanistan until they were pushed out by the northern alliance, backed by U.S.-led forces. There were reports of U.S. bombardment of the city to drive out or crush the Taliban.

Colombia rebels free state official

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Rebels in Colombia freed a state official Thursday after holding her for three weeks, dropping ransom a demand but telling her to deliver a message to the governor.

Mireya Mejia Araujo, a peace counselor whose job is to minimize impact of the Colombia's 37-year war on civilians, was kidnapped in a rural part of the northern state of Cesar on Nov. 7.

She said rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia dropped their $217,000 ransom demand on the condition that she tell the governor of their concern about the growth of a right-wing paramilitary force and about the need for more social spending.

Leftist rebels and paramilitaries have been fighting a bloody war for control over the countryside in Colombia. Some elements of the Colombian army maintain covert links with the outlawed paramilitary United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia.

As the state's peace counselor, Mejia often ventured into Colombia's lawless backcountry, meeting with guerrillas and rival paramilitary units in order to bring state services such as education and health care to isolated areas contested by the warring sides.

Ill UK woman loses death wish appeal

LONDON (AP) — A terminally ill woman paralyzed by a degenerative disease lost her case Thursday before Britain's highest appeals court, where she was fighting for the right to die with her husband's help.

Diane Pretty then said she would challenge the decision in the European Court of Human Rights.

Five judges at the House of Lords ruled that Pretty's human rights were not violated by an earlier ruling against her bid to "die with dignity."

Pretty, 43, is paralyzed from the neck down by motor neuron disease and confined to a wheelchair. She challenged the Director of Public Prosecutions' refusal to grant her husband, Brian, immunity if he helped her die.

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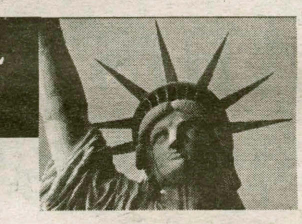

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WTC development may be in 2003

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who will oversee the redevelopment of lower Manhattan said Thursday it is unlikely that construction at the World Trade Center site will begin within the next year.

John Whitehead, the incoming chairman of the new Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corp., asked for patience in rebuilding the site destroyed by two hijacked jetliners on Sept. 11.

"This is a huge undertaking," said Whitehead, a former co-chairman of Goldman Sachs and former deputy secretary of state under President Reagan. "We want it to be done right. We want it to be done well."

Workers continue to tear down the remnants of the trade center complex while searching for the remains of more than 3,000 victims and evidence.

Because of the time-consuming work, Whitehead said any plans for starting to rebuild in 2002 "would seem a little optimistic."

The 11-member agency will decide how to spend federal money earmarked for the trade center site and will make business retention decisions in lower Manhattan. The board will also have a role in mapping out downtown's transportation system, including the rebuilding of the subway and commuter train lines damaged or destroyed in the attack.

Parents chose traditional names

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most mothers and fathers are sticking to tradition when picking names for their babies more so when it comes to sons.

Jacob, Michael and Joshua are the three most popular U.S. names for boys in 2001. Emily, Hannah and Madison top the girls' list, the Social Security Administration reports.

In the past 37 years, Michael has been bumped from the top spot only twice — in 1999 and this year — both times by Jacob. Emily's been the No. 1 girl's name for the past six years. Hannah and Madison both have been in the top ten since 1997.

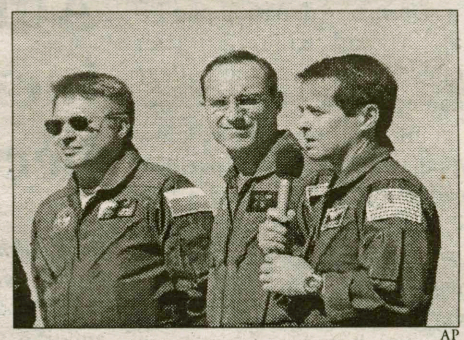
Rounding out the top 10 names for boys in 2001 were, in order: Matthew, Andrew, Joseph, Nicholas, Anthony, Tyler and Daniel.

The list for girls continued with Samantha, Ashley, Sarah, Elizabeth, Kayla, Alexis and Abigail.

The data is a 1 percent sample of Social Security number card applications received from January to August.

NASA delays shuttle flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA called off Thursday's launch of space shuttle Endeavour to the international space station because of danger from a Russian supply ship hanging from the orbiting outpost.



Expedition Four members meet. AP

The unmanned Russian ship had arrived at the space station on Wednesday but failed to attach itself securely. NASA feared the forces exerted by the arriving shuttle would cause the supply ship to wobble, damaging the space station.

Endeavour was supposed to drop off two Americans and one Russian for a six-month stay aboard the space station, and bring back the three men who have been living up there since August.

The launch was scrubbed with just hours left in the countdown, and was put off until at least Friday evening while space agency managers tried to diagnose the problem and decide what to do. Fixing the problem will almost certainly require a spacewalk.

The countdown continued under unprecedented security, with fighter jets, attack helicopters and military personnel in camouflage on guard against terrorist attacks.

AIDS Awareness Week spurs campus discussion

by Christopher Fogelstrom '03
A&E EDITOR

This Monday began AIDS Awareness Week on campus. The events of this week, which are sponsored by Hamilton's AIDS Community Resources (ACR) and the Kirkland Project, are an effort to educate the campus about the disease through mediums such as lectures, movie screenings and discussions.

"The impetus for AIDS Awareness week came from the Hamilton AIDS Resource Coalition," said Professor Dana Luciano, a spokesperson for the Kirkland Project. The ACR, which is a non-profit group that serves the Mohawk Valley area, helps patients with AIDS cope with drug and alcohol problems, housing problems and medical needs, among other things. "What we do on campus is education and monetary donation," said Virginia Berg '02, co-chair for Hamilton's branch of the ACR.

"We hope that the events this week will remind people of one of the most devastating diseases of our time," said Berg. In addition to distributing information during this week, the ACR has also "adopted" a person suffering from AIDS for this holiday season. Donations from the ACR table in Beinecke from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. on Friday will go towards helping this patient.

Hamilton's participation in AIDS Awareness Week gave students and faculty alike the chance to hear lectures from people such as Raymond Kinlaw, who spoke about his personal experiences with AIDS. The week also featured a showing of *Philadelphia*, a movie about living with AIDS.

All of the events are free and open to students, faculty, and interested members of the community.

In addition, the Kirkland Project presented a lecture, "My Dangerous Desires: Exploding Social Change Activism through the Lens of Sexuality," by Amber Hollibaugh, a political activist, essayist and award-winning filmmaker. Hollibaugh directed the documentary presented this past Wednesday entitled, "The Heart of the Matter," which explores women's sexuality through the prism of AIDS. The documentary was aired on PBS stations across America.

Hollibaugh also spoke at a lunch discussion on Thursday presented by the Kirkland Project and the Career Center. The discussion focused on activism as a career choice in the new millennium. "She (Hollibaugh) is a walking testimony of how to make your dream become a reality," remarked student Amy Greenan '04.

The events of the week will culminate in a vigil for World AIDS Day this Saturday, which is organized and sponsored by the ACR. The vigil, which will begin at 4:30 P.M. in the Hamilton College Chapel, will include speeches by members of the college community. The vigil is open to all members of the college community.

"Living here, on the Hamilton campus, too many of us can simply ignore the devastating impact of the global AIDS pandemic," said Luciano. "Our goal is to make sure that doesn't happen."

King declares state of emergency after Maoists, police clash in Nepal

by Chris Takacs '05
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

King Gyanendra declared a state of emergency in Nepal on Nov. 25 after Maoist rebels and Nepalese police battled in what was the bloodiest encounter since the Communist insurgency began six years ago. The government reports that around 150 rebels were killed in a jungle in Solu, and 50 more bodies were found nearby in the town of Salleri. Over 40 Nepalese policemen were killed in the gun battle, which raged for over six hours.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba stated in his address to the nation, "We showed utmost flexibility to bring the Maoist group that was expanding its activities through violence for the past six years into the mainstream of politics. But the Maoist terrorists totally ignored our honest efforts and people's wishes."

The King's state of emergency allows the army to begin fighting the rebels. Already, troops are mobilized and, according to Nepal News, combing "rebel hide-outs, concentrated mostly in the remote hills of Midwest Nepal."

Reuters news agency reports that the Maoists broke the ceasefire because the government did not meet their requests to reform the constitution.

Fighting has broken out in the past week in other places in Nepal as well. In Ghorai, in the Dang district, 14 soldiers were killed and more than 30 were injured when Maoists attacked an army barracks. The army reports that 99 SLRs (Shoulder-launched Rockets) were taken from the barracks along with ammunition and other weapons.

A policeman was also injured in Charikot where rebels attacked, but were largely repelled by Nepalese forces. "The situation is quite grave. I think we are entering into a civil war," Rabindra Khanal, a political science professor at Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, told Reuters.

In order to combat that possibility, the King's declaration will limit free speech in order to close down the Maoist newspaper *Janadisha* and prevent support for the rebels in the media in general. A list of "matters not to be published" was released through a press release, stating that nothing should be published that "support[s] Maoist terrorists including individual or groups... aims to create hatred and disrespect against His Majesty the King and the Royal Family...anything that is likely to create misunderstanding and communal hatred among the people of different castes, communities, religions, classes and regions... anything that is likely to create hatred against the Royal Nepal Army, police and civil servants and lower their morale and dignity."

Responding to the declaration, Jhalanath Khanal of the Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist party said, "Suspension of fundamental rights of the people will only curtail democracy."

India has supported the declaration along with the European Union, which calls the conflict "regrettable." The United States has recently called for the Maoists to "lay down their arms"; however, more fighting is expected throughout the country.

Hamilton athletes academically above par compared to other NESCAC schools

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dent-at-large GPA) and 80.9 (the average high profile recruited male athlete GPA), to put that in perspective...that's got to be 100 to 150 seats in the class."

Tobin also said that despite the positive results, the college would take a closer look at possible negative interpretations of data as well. "We're very proud of everything that athletics represents at the college, but we're also concerned that the trends in *The Game of Life* are very real," he said.

Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Richard Fuller pointed out that as the college becomes more selective, it also becomes more important to know whether or not athletes perform academically. "We need a tangible strategy to get athletes performing higher because as it [admissions] gets more competitive, every "reach" we let in means someone else who can't come," he said.

Many faculty members question whether the data collected was statistically significant or not and whether the best statistical models had been used. "The model can drastically affect statistics. Before we start looking at discrepancies, we need to know if we've produced the most viable statistical model," said Associate Professor of Psychology Greg Pierce.

Cockburn agreed that more data was needed before definite conclusions could be drawn: "We don't want to give you the notion that we think this is a complete picture of what's going on. It just takes time."

The committee is in the process of collecting data about how many athletes graduate Phi Beta Kappa, how many receive departmental honors, and how many are put on academic probation, said Cockburn. The committee would also like to assess the way students' and professors' expectations affect the athletes' performance because many students at the forum raised it as an issue.

"We can't resolve all the problems in one year. Maybe this year we can finish collecting data, and next year the committee can start to interpret that data," said Cockburn. "Once we have all the data, we can firmly establish if a problem exists and, if one does, how to improve it."

Admissions using increasing applicants to become more selective

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munity support" and the fact that President Eugene Tobin and the trustees of Hamilton "have been extraordinary in making things happen."

Beyond that, however, Dean Fuller believes that recent changes in Hamilton's admissions process have also attracted many more students. SAT scores were made optional and now students may chose to submit their SAT, ACT, SAT II, or AP scores alone or in any combination.

The improved website has also been a major attraction to prospective students. "It is one of the better websites nationally and we have been at the forefront of personalizing it," Fuller said.

Athletics at Hamilton also attract prospective students. The coaching staff works hard to attract top student athletes who excel on and off the field, said Fuller.

Even more important, though, is the fact that the College prides itself on the relationships between students and professors. Fuller said, "We are very proud of the fact that our student-faculty ratio is very low. We don't ever want to lose that."

Student Assembly Platform

Hi, we are Deenah Byramjee and Thatcher Martin and we are running for Student Assembly President and Vice President. Between the two of us we have had an extensive amount of experience, including one and a half years as a class representative, one year as vice president of the student assembly, one year as treasurer of the student assembly.

Through these positions we have made many contacts among the administration and board of trustees and have extensive knowledge of the mechanisms of school policy. If elected we plan to focus on key elements important to student life including; recycling, increased funding for student organizations, more social options, off campus housing, using meal cards at off campus locations. We encourage you to please come out and vote for people who will make a difference in student government.

Editorial

Hamilton students get away with murder. In the past month we have witnessed a number of students commit serious, life–threatening acts and walk away nearly scot-free. In fact, on more than one occasion, the perpetrator's name in print was more of a punishment than what the judicial system deemed a "fair" penalty. Students who drove recklessly, without concern for their own lives–much less the lives of those around them–expressed that they felt it was "unfair" that they should be named in the newspaper.

Administrators and community representatives may grapple with finding solutions to these problems, but they will only see results if people feel that there is more of a threat of punishment than publicity in *The Spectator*. Members of the Hamilton community will continue to drink and drive if they are only going to be charged with minor infractions and petty fines.

This lack of repercussions is a major concern for both the greater Clinton area and the Hamilton community. We are all in danger as long as people feel that complete and utter disrespect for human life and property is socially acceptable. It is time to stop petitioning for more Jitneys, blaming Hamilton's "drinking culture," and complaining about the lack of on-campus social options. Perhaps irresponsibility and reckless behavior is innate in some students. Maybe these students have ignored the countless pleas of administrators and have not been deterred by the increased publicity of the Judicial Board's stance on life-threatening behavior. The time has come for the Kirkland District Attorney's Office to set a precedent. In light of last year's Colgate tragedy and the skyrocketing number of drunk driving incidents on campus this year, it is time for the DA's Office to show the community that they too value human life.

Last year, New York State was awarded the "Year 2000 State Award" by the National Commission Against Drunk Driving for introducing the "most comprehensive driving prevention program in the country." This revolutionary program started a crackdown on intoxicated underage drivers and significantly lowered the number of drunk driving fatalities. Though statistically this program has been a success in New York, it appears that Clinton has not benefited from this supposed revolution in drunk driving prevention. It is high time that both the Kirkland and Hamilton communities make human life a high priority.

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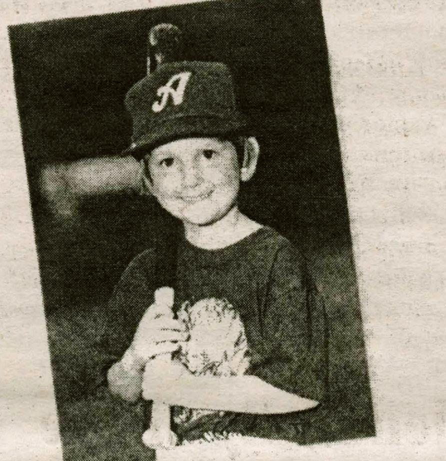

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Levitt fellow presents research on poor in Oneida county

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Karen Pogonowski '02shared her findings from a summer Levitt Fellowship focused on examining poor populations in Oneida county. Pogonowski conducted a survey produced by the Children's Defense Fund, which sampled people who patronize the Rome and Utica Food Banks.

Pogonowski compiled statistics about the day-to-day struggles of those living in poverty. Her research found that of those at the food banks, 22% had lost a job in the last six months and 16% had endured a family split-up in the last 6 months.

Pogonowski shared statistics showing that at least one in five families was unable to keep current on their bills and had difficulty paying for food. "The statistics take on significance when this population represents 77 children," said Pogonowski.

One of the aims of Pogonowski's survey was to determine if the Welfare Reform Act of 1996 had affected the poor. Pogonowski's findings showed that the reform did change the lives of the poor.

In a portion of the presentation entitled "In their own words," Pogonowski shared the responses of her interview subjects and described the larger trends to which they point.

A recurring theme in Pogonowski's speech was women who were unable to receive government aid without disclosing the names of their children's fathers. "Because I chose to have my daughter without the father being present, I am now being punished," said a single mother, referring to her ineligibility to receive Medicaid benefits while unemployed. The woman had been a member of the working poor, not receiving government aid, all her life until her injury.

"Politically, they had no representation. They have their own support system. All they have is each other," said Pogonowski of the poor.

Research Coordinator, Resource Center for Human Services Judith Owens-Manley said that she and Assistant Professor of Women's Studies Vivyan Adair will be sponsoring an independent study for students during the spring semester. The study will have ACCESS project students and traditional students further research the food bank program in Oneida County.

Phi Beta Chi petitions college for recognition

ISC recommendation based on promise of philanthropy, other contributions to Greek life and Hamilton community

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"After reviewing the material presented to us and hearing the presentation from the women involved," wrote Lyons, "we are confident that these women are fully removed from the horrible actions that suspended this society six years ago, and are ready to well reflect our Greek society, as well as the Hamilton College community as a whole, with a wide variety of philanthropic activities."

Magnarelli endorsed the Council's decision, citing the fact that the reinstatement would increase the number of social options on campus, a major concern for students. She also stressed that the society itself has changed from what it was six years ago. "This is a completely different set of women, rules and policies," said Magnarelli.

Phi Beta Chi was originally removed from the campus because of what Magnarelli described as, "serious hazing violations," that were caused by a lack of leadership, respect and judgement within the society.

In the spring of 1997, sisters and pledges of PBX were involved in a car accident that left two first years with serious injuries. Because of the seriousness of the event, the College suspended the sorority for four years, ensuring that no one involved in the accident could be formally associated with the society during her tenure at Hamilton.

Representatives from PBX met with Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell to present their proposal last week. Mitchell and the Dean of Students office were unavailable for comment.

The next step for the women will be a meeting with President Tobin to personally present their petition. "The ISC believes that the decision [PBX's reinstatement] should come from President Tobin, as he was the one who wrote the letter that officially suspended them from campus," said Lyons. "We hope that he takes our recommendation seriously."

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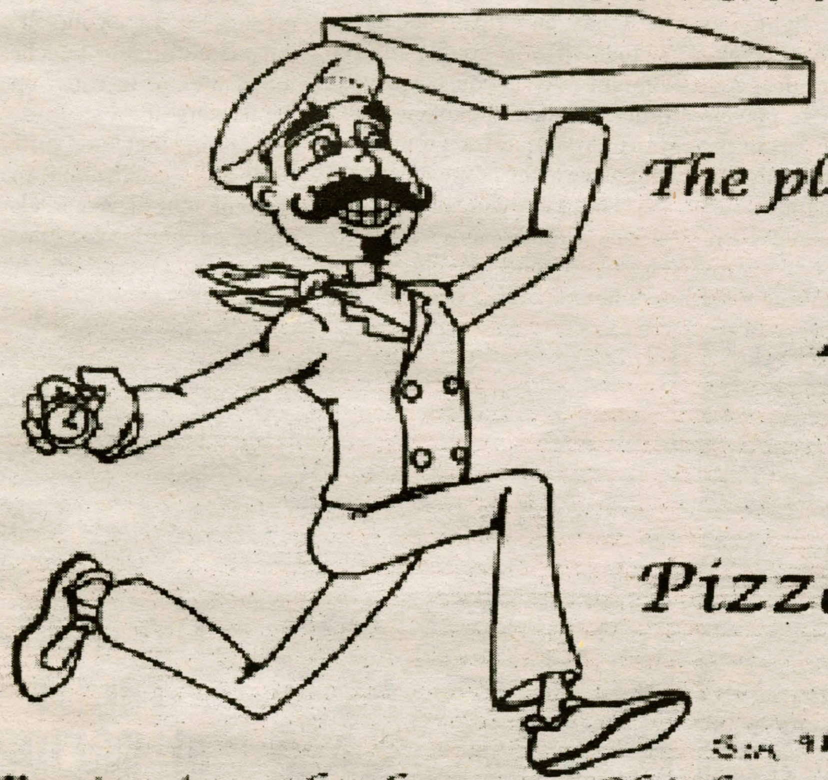

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Booze Doesn't Cause Campus Damage

Don't look to alcohol consumption, look to wealth

Lauren Reynolds '02
Sports Editor

Stop blaming the booze. For seemingly every problem on this campus, administrators, Student Assembly representatives, and faculty jump to blame drinking. This is the easy way out. Drinking occurs on every campus, yet few colleges are plagued with skyrocketing campus damage bills, a diminishing relationship with the surrounding town, and a widening gulf between members of the student body.

This is not a new problem for Hamilton. For the past four years, I have witnessed the destruction of nearly every dorm in which I've lived. The residential damage problem is so widespread that last year, my father asked me to live in Root so that the bill would be lower (and even Root's damage bill wasn't light).

Part of the problem is that we excuse nearly all actions. Most of the recent excuses have boiled down to excessive drinking and a lack of social options. Both of these excuses are riddled with holes. Drinking does not equate damage. As the President's Coalition on Drugs and Alcohol's recent ads have claimed, 90% of the campus does not participate in vandalism; yet according to the same survey, 1/3 of the campus binge drinks. The vast majority of people who use alcohol do not commit campus damage.

"It's boredom," commented one senior. "When we had the option of going to North Court or Bundy, people didn't wander around their dorms breaking things." However, the amount of campus damage has not increased in the past four years, although the number of social options has dramatically decreased. The argument that when there were North Court parties Wednesday through Saturday, there was less damage is untrue; there isn't more damage, it is just more widespread.

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Colleen Trzaskos, a senior psychology major, offered another possible cause of the damage–male feelings of inferiority. "Girls don't vandalize on this campus–most of the damage done here is by guys," said Trzaskos. "These guys have been babied all of their lives, and now they are trying to get away with things they could never do in their own homes."

Trzaskos' rationale begins to get to the heart of the problem. The guys who are destroying the very places they live in may do it as an act of rebellion. They never commit these acts in secret; as Trzaskos points out, "there's no point in breaking stuff if five guys can't cheer you on." Trzaskos said that this group mentality and peer pressure to perform is common in adolescent males.

The people causing the destruction aren't necessarily kids on scholarship, or kids from the inner cities either. The vast majority of the damage is done by wealthy guys because they do not have respect for their own property or the property of others. They destroy things because they need to prove their masculinity. They destroy things because there are no repercussions. They destroy things because they can.

Schools with lower average incomes than Hamilton's do not have these problems. "The sense of entitlement is not there," commented Student Activities Director Lisa Magnarelli, who is frustrated with the lack of respect on the campus. Magnarelli argues that wealth is a large factor in how much campus damage a college experiences.

If wealth and gender are really the causes of campus damage, what can administrators, faculty, and students do? Hamilton will always be attended by primarily financially well-off students, half of them male. Can Hamilton change a mindset that has been ingrained in people their entire lives? This is a problem all the North Courts in the world would not be able to fix.

The solution to the problem lies in the students. Increased presence of Campus Safety, a crackdown on drinking, and all the advertisements that the President's Coalition wants to run will never make an ounce of difference unless students begin to understand that there are real consequences to their actions.

A Night On The Town

Chris Preston '03
Charles Spiliotis '03
Insightful Independents

Oh, you thought you heard the last of us, did you? Well don't fret, we're back and more offensive than ever (we hope). This week's topic: beautiful downtown Clinton, where hundreds of heavily intoxicated Continentals flock night by night searching for that special someone, eager for some bonding time with friends, or just hungry for the greasy slop we call pizza at the local eateries.

Let's start where most of us start (TDX brothers not included)– the plush and intimate setting of the Village Tavern. Stop us when this starts to sound familiar. You walk to the steps and are greeted by a collection of meatheads whose little excitement in life consists of the outside chance that some young Hamilton punk might step to them. You're 21 years old and are forced to show some backup, but meanwhile some cute baby-faced freshman chick strolls on by you un-harassed because she knows the backup goalie on the hockey team. After that headache subsides, you must weave your way through the horde of loud, obnoxious Psi U boys who weren't informed they would not be collecting a paycheck for bouncing that night. Then, at long last, you reach the bar. Your hand extended with a fistful of dollars, you'll be lucky to get a drink before that jerk–off townie nudges you aside. With drink finally in hand, you patrol the room in search of a Downtown Diva who will be good enough five drinks later. That in mind, you proceed to the pool table, where there is always some sloppy sorority girl falling all over her male opponent, making this game seem destined to take a backseat to the heavy petting and ass–grabbing at hand. Now thoroughly disgusted, you shuffle toward the back room to find a table for you and your pals. Though here you can at least sit back and enjoy your drink, the smoke coming from the back soon engulfs you and convinces you that now is a good time to check out Don's Rok.

Braving the unpleasantly chilly conditions that downtown Clinton provides, you meander down the hundred yards of sidewalk that separate the two establishments. Once there you are delighted to find that entering the door is not as difficult as getting past the VT Gestapo. That is, until the flashlight-bearing "Sarge" pounces on you like a fat kid on a pot roast. (Okay, not our best work.) Once he's checked your ID, you attempt to make your way to the bar, but not before bumping into Sarge again. The guy's like that rash in the crack of your ass that never goes away no matter how many times you scratch it. From then on you pretty much have two options: stay close to the door and thus virtually invisible to the already stoned bartender, or fight your way through the mob of skanky Brothelites and over-drugged, under-talented lacrosse players occupying the better part of the bar. If you can accomplish this, then maybe you can pick yourself up a beer or a piece of freshman meat, but either way, what you're really waiting for is a chance to finally jump across the street for the opportunity to make an ass of yourself with your fellow schoolmates while inhaling a plate full of grease.

You open Tony's door to the music of those annoying friggin' bells that you'd rip off and throw at them if you could still see straight. After you place your order and steal the token drink, you plop yourself down amid the ambience of the now even louder Psi U boys throwing pizza crusts at one another and watch the now really good-looking girl you saw hours before. Not that you have a chance anyways, because thanks to the idiots at the neighboring booth, you have tomato sauce in your hair and a ringing in your ears, but at least you're drunk enough to feel like you do. Five pounds heavier, you finally manage to scrape yourself out of the uncomfortable benches in a futile attempt to catch up with the passing jitney.

During that long, stuffy ride back up to civilization, the one thought your pizza and alcohol-poisoned mind is capable of deducing is: God, I love downtown.

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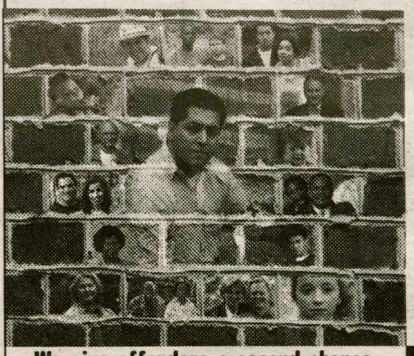
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The Not-So-Mean Streets of Paris

This past Sunday, I managed to lock myself out of my apartment in Paris. Not on purpose, of course. I had stepped out into the hallway just for a minute, and tout d'un coup, the door swung shut behind me. So there I was, wearing my good shoes, slacks, and a rugby jersey, in the hall, while inside, my lunch was getting cold on the kitchen table, the television was blasting, and the window was wide open. Fantastic.

Jacques P. Du Vernay '03
European Bureau Chief

On my person, aside from my clothes, I had two pens and a piece of paper in my pocket. My wallet and metro pass remained securely in my coat packet, along with my keys, inside the apartment.

I live with a host family, but they conveniently were away at their country house in Normandy (ah, la vie est dure!) and would not be back until at least 9 p.m.

My only hope was la concierge. A concierge is essentially a building manager, often a rather intimidating presence, who generally knows all and sees all that goes on in the building. Unfortunately, my concierge does not have all the keys.

What then does one do on a sunny, blustery fall day in Paris, with absolutely no resources save the shirt on your back, for at least nine hours? Well, I ended up having one of the most enjoyable and relaxing afternoons that I have had since my arrival three months ago. When chance forced me to get out and live and forget about finishing my homework, chance also brought some good times my way.

First thing, I was invited for lunch. The reason I had stepped out into the hall was to locate the two friends I had buzzed into the building five minutes earlier, and who had not yet found my apartment. We had planned to have a study session over lunch. So, we decided to head over to one of their apartments, an operation that of course required a metro ride. We overcame that obstacle with the old "hand me back your metro pass after you've entered" maneuver. Fortunately, the ticket agent, sitting in the booth right in front of the turnstiles, was extremely interested in his newspaper.

After three hours everyone was getting sick of the politics of the French republic, and my gracious host did have a life to go on with. Donc, I headed back to the streets and wandered my way over to the infamous Centre Georges Pompidou, one of the ugliest or one of the most innovative buildings in Paris, depending on who you ask (the building is inside out). Set in a lively quartier, the courtyards and fountain surrounding the building host some of the best street performers in the city. That afternoon's featured act: a clown who juggles torches while riding a six-foot high unicycle. That spectacle, along with some really cool frisbee-throwing guys, the "your name in Chinese letters" artistes, roasted chestnut vendors, throngs of confused tourists, and assorted weird characters made for quite fine entertainment, gratuit.

After a while I decided to continue and soon found myself along the banks of La Seine on the pedestrian walkway. Other than the inherent hazards–breakneck roller–bladers, speeding cyclists, and slow-moving family units–a Sunday afternoon stroll along the Seine is hard to beat. How can anyone not relax with the wind blowing in his hair, rosy cheeks, boats drifting gently down river, and laughter floating in the air, while enjoying the landmarks of one the world's grandest cities?

Before I knew it, I had reached the Jardin de Tuileries and le Louvre. The garden is one of Paris's little gems. Right in the heart of the city, it is a wonderfully relaxing creation of fountains, flowers, and trees, stretching from the end of the Champs-Elysées right up to the Louvre. This particular afternoon, I found perhaps the perfect spot: to my left, a view over the garden's now leafless trees up the Champs-Elysées all the way up to the Arc de Triomphe; to my right, the immensity of the Louvre, offset by the unique glass and steel pyramid that serves as its main entrance.

It was growing late, and slightly chilly, so I proceeded toward the pyramid, below which a cavernous welcome center and shopping area, entrée libre, unfolds. Having refreshed myself at one of the museum's high-quality restrooms and water fountains, then resting my feet for a few minutes while using one of its benches (not to mention trying without success to slip past the guards into the museum), I began exploring the shopping area. As soon as I spotted the Virgin Megastore, I knew my next two hours would be easily spent. Virgin, like Barnes and Noble, is a paradise for someone looking for free entertainment. Chez Virgin, I had at my disposal dozens of new CDs to listen to, not to mention the entire book section. As

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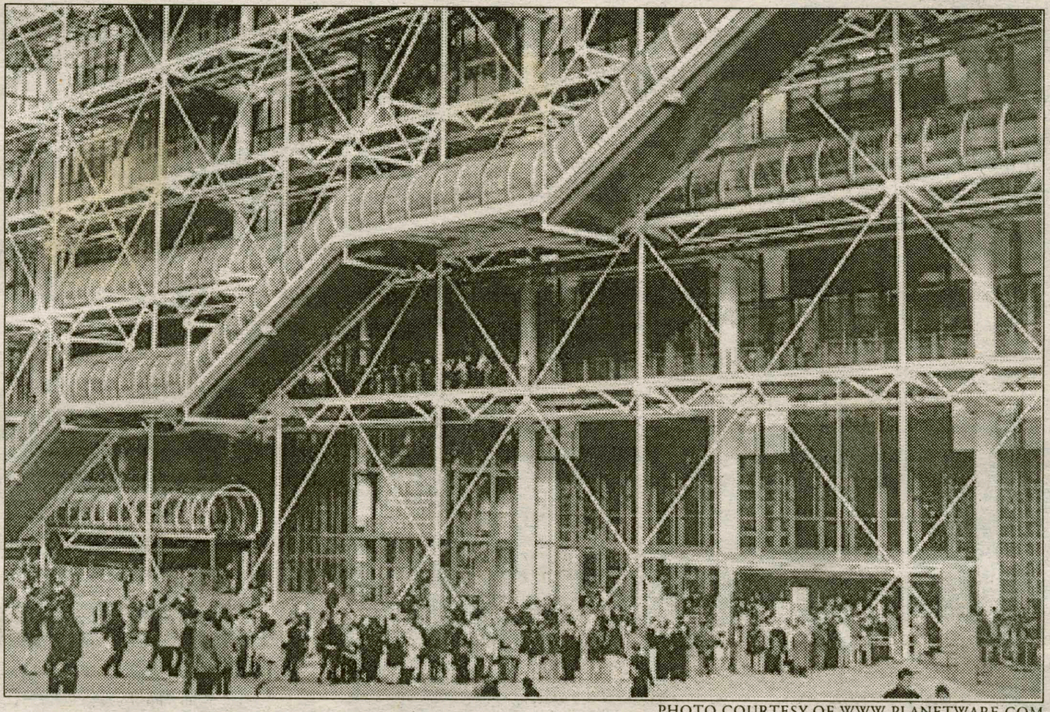

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Since we've continuously made fun of others this semester, and we are full of the holiday spirit, we felt that it was time to give back to the community and have a feel-good edition of Thumbs Up/ Thumbs down. And so, we present ....

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- Societies building the community, one brick at a time

by Paul P. Jones '02 & Dan Kaufmann '10, and Lauren Reynolds '99

An Alternative Thanksgiving

Bill Chenevert '05
Associate Insights & Ideas Editor

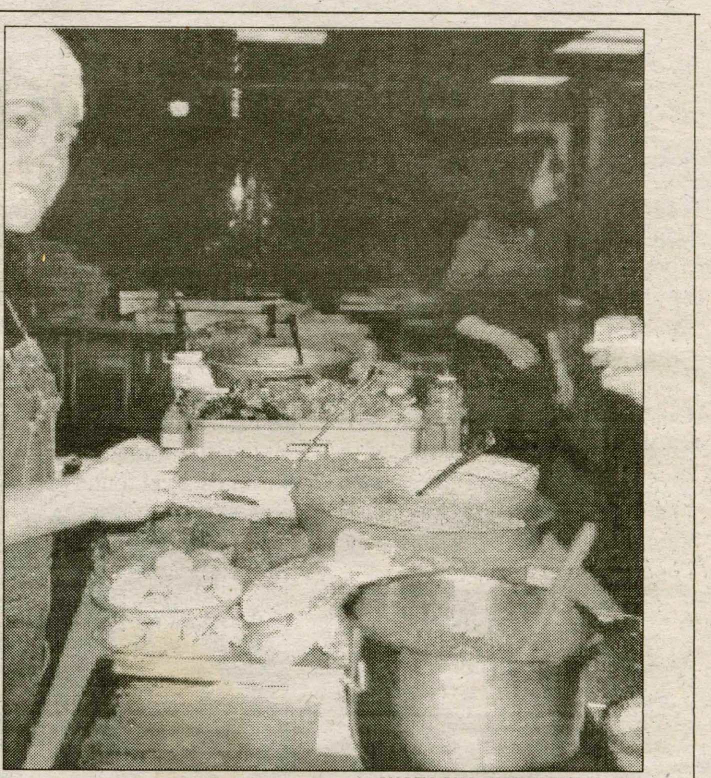
I want to tell you about the experience I had at the Keehn co-op on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Break. Artsy-Fartsy of the November 9, 2001 issue, the President of the Keehn dormitory, a fellow Red Hook resident, and close personal friend of mine, the Keehn elf, baked for and hosted over two hundred hungry Hamiltonians for a Thanksgiving Dinner. I had no idea what to expect. The very mention of the Keehn dormitory conjures a stereotypical image of a dirty hippie, but those of us who knew that Keehn hospitality is warm and exceptional enjoyed a feast of the senses.

I approached the front entrance and, through the window, saw a long line forming around tables of food that spilled out of the dining room. The night was cold but music played and I eagerly anticipated what was inside. I found every imaginable Thanksgiving dish, pie, sauce, and side: stuffing, mashed potatoes, turkey, dressing, salad, baked beans, corn, homemade salad dressing, buns, pecan pie, chocolate pie, and a lot more. I loaded my plate up with a little of everything, periodically waving and saying "hi" to a handful of familiar faces.

I went upstairs and found the first floor lounge to be filled with long tables, all of them crowded with people on both sides. There were probably thirty sets of friends, but I was by myself. This concerned me at first, but I soon found an empty chair next to some other students. I soon found that it didn't matter because the Thanksgiving dinner had put people in a friendly and respetful mood. I am no stranger to the occasional Keehn dining experience, so I soon wondered when a "Yay Cooks!" was coming. Within no time, someone began beating on an empty Poland Spring bottle, and the whole room slamming on the tables ensued. This was the diner's opportunity to really show their enthusiastic thanks for the people responsible for the meal they were eating. Water began splashing out of my cup, my silverware bounced off my plate and the room filled with noise.

After I'd just about cleaned my plate, I decided to go get some dessert. I knew that too many people put a lot of effort into making those pies downstairs for me to not have a piece of something. I finished a piece and sat satisfied and full for about twenty minutes. At that point, my stomach, my appetite, my head, and my entire psyche were sublimely content. I wanted nothing more than to go sleep for hours and hours, however, I had a night of partying ahead of me that I was obliged to take care of. If that was not the case I would've gone straight to bed and slept for hours.

So why am I telling you about this? There's a lesson to be learned from all this. Keehn is a unique Hamilton tradition. Many people don't know very much about its residents. In the great stuck-up white kid tradition, many students fear what they don't know. They poke fun at and generally stay away from anything that challenges their concept of who they are. I must admit that I had some apprehension of what the Thanksgiving Dinner would be like. I wondered about the logistics of how they'd have it setup. I wondered if it would be as crazy as the Haunted House and I wondered if I'd know anybody to eat with. I was immediately swayed to homey comfort as soon as I walked in the door and heard the familiar sound of the "Almost Famous" soundtrack. So the purpose of this article is to inform any reader who missed out on the Keehn Thanksgiving experience, to educate about what Keehn and its residents are like, and to encourage our campus to seek out things that are here and interesting yet undiscovered.



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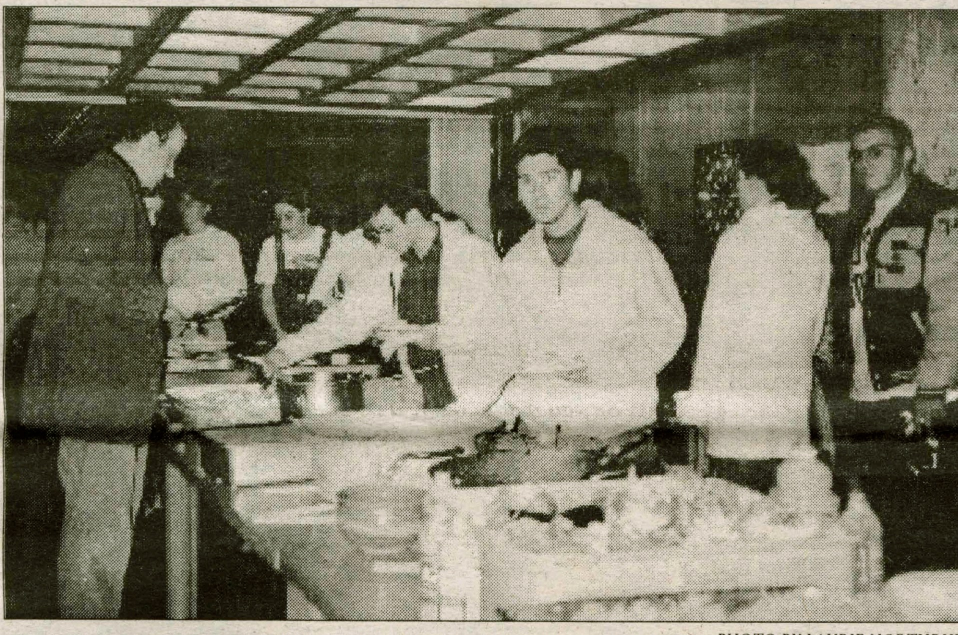
Katye Adams '02 surveys the Keehn Thanksgiving buffet.



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Students and faculty line up to get their portion of Keehn's bounty.

If I were not a Keehner, I wonder what I'd be?

Laurie Northrup '03
Insights & Ideas Editor

I opened the front door of Keehn at 5:15 on the Saturday night before Thanksgiving break, and walked into the dining room. Delicious smells and mass chaos greeted me–music blasting, people attacking turkey carcasses, trays of steaming food, and my dormmates all running around wearing aprons, trying to get ready for the 250 expected guests.

I had returned just in time for Keehn Thanksgiving. While most people would have run screaming from such a scene, I knew that I had no choice. I had to don an apron and join the chaos. Why? Because I am a Keehner. It's what I do. It's what I *have* to do.

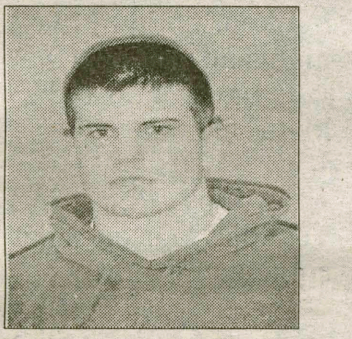
Once, I was afraid of Keehn like everyone else on campus. The people standing out front smoking, the disco ball, the "Tofu King" logo on the floor, and the dorm's reputation were intimidating. However the magic number for me was 371. That was my lottery number as a rising sophomore. It was either be in the summer lottery or choose Keehn, where at least I knew what I was getting into.

I moved into Keehn, not quite knowing what was going to happen, but knowing that I'd get a rebate and wouldn't have to suffer the indignity of dinner in Commons or McEwen. This and a quiet hallway were enough to make me happy.

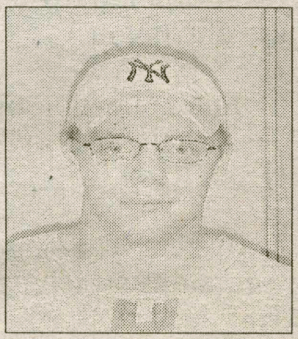
I then learned what being a Keehner really means. (No, not *that.*) It means living in a place where people are accepted unconditionally. A place where no matter what is wrong, someone will be there to talk to. A place where no matter what insane idea pops into my head (for example: "Can you make cheese out of sheep milk?"), someone will want to talk about it. A place where we all work together to produce tasty food. A place where we're free to be as silly as we want and know that nobody will judge us.

You may fear Keehn and the people in it, and that's okay. But it's my home. I'm not sure I could live anywhere else on campus now.

VOICES: What's your favorite procrastination device?



"You mean like caffeine or Ritalin?"
- Dave Clarke '05



"I watch the Playboy channel, and play Playstation II."
- Paul P. Jones '03

"I check away messages every thirty seconds, and I go to doodie.com."
- Liz Kennedy '05

"Tecmo Super Bowl, on my computer. It's a classic."
- Whit Rothe '05

Other responses that didn't make the grade:

- **Instant Messenger**
- **FreeCell**
- **Baking**
- **Fly Fishing**
- **Television**
- **Working for the *Spec***
- **Watching my fish**
- **Streaking**
- **Worshiping Brtiney Spears**

Voices quotes and pictures compiled by Bill Chenevert '05

It's AIDS Awareness Week!

Source: Reuters photo

Be like these women. Protect yourself.

Weekend Horoscopes

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20) So it's either recently been or will soon be your birthday and you're looking for some good news. Well, here it is: you will get some ass this weekend. Your lucky attire: your birthday suit.

Capricorn (December 21 - January 19) Your birthday is over winter break, therefore nobody cares about you. Your lucky concept: the half-birthday–celebrate with Geminis at home.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17) This weekend's activities will call into question your devotion to friends versus your booty needs. Deal with them gingerly. Your lucky advice: "dicks over chicks."

Pisces (February 18 - March 19) Do you really need a wakeup call to actually get your ass in gear? You better start studying now. Your lucky tools: a number 2 pencil and SparkNotes.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) Your parents are strict, so you were in by midnight every night over Thanksgiving Break. This weekend is your chance to let loose. Your lucky beverage: Jimmy Beam.

Taurus (April 20 - May 19) Don't worry about all those papers that you did at the last minute and got Cs on–Divine Intervention will bring you As on your finals. Your lucky game: Beirut.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20) This is probably the last real weekend of fun of the semester, Gemini, so go out and drink some. And, of course, look at butts like you always do. Your lucky accessory: sunglasses.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21) Sure, you might have fun this weekend, but remember, your neighbors need sleep and the walls are thin. Your lucky item: earplugs.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Your intelligence, sexiness, and subtle geek appeal provide you with the tools to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. Your lucky liquid: fruit pulp.

Virgo (August 23 - September 21) You foolishly attempted to play a prank on your unsuspecting roommate, but rest assured, he/she is on to your underhanded schemes. vengeance will be his/hers. Lucky accessory: handcuffs.

Libra (September 22 - October 22) This is your weekend to get better acquainted with that special someone who was wasted when he asked you to hang out with him this weekend. Your lucky demeanor: awkward.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) This isn't your lucky weekend. Avoid electricity and brass objects at all costs. Consider the Amish lifestyle. Your lucky byproduct: Teflon.

Think Tank

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Ericson: "The conversational dynamic is open, low-key, one of sharing ideas, hearing what other people think. The presentations are intended to promote thinking about issues and bringing all of your intellectual and experiential resources to the question."

Do you feel that there is sufficient enthusiasm both in terms of people wanting to present and people wanting to attend?

O'Neill: "Typically it's a pretty small audience. It's rare that there are a lot of students present, which is too bad. A nice handful of faculty come."

Barrett: "Attendance averages between 10-30 people, never more than that. Some professors have groupies if they are a popular figure on campus: We welcome any input for ideas for topics or people to lead them with open arms. It is rare that people take the initiative, but they can and should. People just need to let us know they are interested. We could be a club if people wanted us to be."

Can you please name a couple of the most popular/thought provoking talks and discuss why you chose them?

O'Neill: "I liked the one by Kevin Grant on grading at Hamilton. I liked the one by Jinnie Garrett on germ warfare just a week or so ago. Both topics were of interest to me. I like the round-table discussions."

Barrett: "Interesting topics of the past have been about course evaluations- what students thought they were used for vs. what professors knew. The question about evaluating participation is the most usefull for professors. [The presentation] revealed students often feel this question is irrelevant. It also discussed the high distribution of "B" grades on campus. I also enjoyed Adair's discussion of the ACCESS project."

Ericson: "Two of the most interesting presentations for me were Shoshana Keller's presentation on post-Soviet Russia and Ernest Williams' presentation on environmental issues at Hamilton College. Keller's presentation was very informative about the current state of the Russian economic situation and helpful in providing a context in which to think about current issues in US-Russian relations. Williams' presentation was challenging in that it revealed how much more we could do to be more environmentally conscious and sensitive in our lives here at Hamilton."

What are your primary responsibilities as coordinators?

Taylor: "We make up the roster for the semester of speakers and ask what professors are working on and if they would be willing to present. Sometimes they give us a choice of possible topics."

What do you try to keep in mind when choosing topics? Do you worry about balancing the academic focus of different departments?

Taylor: "We make an effort to make the departments and topics really different week to week so they we can appeal to a large audience."

What persuasive words do you have for encouraging more people to take advantage of the Tanks?

Barrett: "Don't give up after one if you don't like it. Each session has a different vibe. Here is no pressure to think, just come!"

What qualifications are you looking for in candidates for taking over your position next year since you will both be graduating ?

Barrett: "They need to be organized, have people skills so that they can get speakers, and they need to have an email account. That's all."

Jacques P's Unintentional Parisian Adventure

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soon as I located the next play for my theatre class, I claimed one of the store's random comfy chairs and started reading! As enjoyable as the play was, two hours later, I figured it was time to go.

Back on the streets, night had fallen and I headed in the general direction of home. Not in any real rush, I moseyed my way along the quiet streets, venturing down an intriguing little one here and there whenever I felt the urge. Along the way I noticed a wooden bookcase, in perfect condition, being thrown out. It just so happened that I needed a bookcase for my room, and it really was in good shape, clean and everything. Carrying this rather bulky, forty-pound monster was fun, let me tell you, but I did it. Thirty minutes, countless weird looks from the natives, and one animated discussion with a Frenchman whose car I had accidentally bumped later, I arrived back at my street, good old rue Rosa Bonheur.

There is a gorgeous view of la Tour Eiffel from the end of this street. Glancing up at the illuminated tower, rising majestically over the rooftops, I couldn't help but think how well my day had turned out: a free lunch with friends, a juggling clown, plenty of exercise, (relatively) fresh Parisian air, a free bookcase, and the pleasure of just enjoying the day, without any plan in mind.

After having the pleasure of explaining what had happened to my host family, I ended up finishing my homework that night at a reasonable hour and that Monday passed without any problems. My unexpected adventure served as a needed reminder that you have to take breaks sometimes. All work just doesn't work. And when you take those breaks, they don't have to be anything extravagant. Simply walking around for an afternoon yielded unforeseen pleasures and pleasant surprises. An afternoon that initially appeared lost turned out to be quite wonderful. The good times are often the simple times. Clinton is not Paris, of course, but next time Hamilton life has you overwhelmed, why not try hitting the mean streets of upstate New York? Just let the door close behind you...

Science at Hamilton: A New Perspective

Former Hamtech student describes his life as a Biochem nerd at Cornell

by Douglas Wheeler '03ish
FORMER SCIENCE EDITOR

Hi. My name is Doug Wheeler, and I have a drinking problem. Sorry, wrong article.

Hi, my name is Doug Wheeler. You might remember me from such Hamilton College publications as *The Spectator*– I was one of the Fall '99 Science editors. This semester, I transferred from Hamilton College to Cornell University.

As Hamilton is an outstanding and very special institution, my reasons for transferring definitely did not include a lack of love for Hamilton, but rather a desire for a slightly different environment. It goes without saying that there are many great things unique to the Hill that cannot be found anywhere else.

So, when science editor extraordinaire Kristin Patrick asked me to write a guest article for *The Spectator's* Science Section comparing life and science at Hamilton to Cornell, I didn't have to think very long before accepting her proposal.

I figured that writing an article would provide me with a unique (and slightly nostalgic) opportunity to write about Hamilton from the "outside looking in," which is a weird perspective to have, indeed. So here we go, a comparison of university versus liberal arts college is about to ensue, with a bit of a science bent.

Before the science though, let's talk population. We college students are pretty much the same everywhere. Here, North Face and Nalgene are ubiquitous, as is the sport utility vehicle, which can be seen careening about campus with a Jersey license plate and an ozone hole above it.

Ho Plaza, which is analogous to Martin's Way, is often littered with pastel-clad benchsitters. There's a bit less of a Keystone following here, but cheap beer abounds nonetheless. And oddly enough, the greater Ithaca metropolitan area actually sees its fair share of Utica Club...I thought it didn't get farther than Clinton.

Sadly, the hippy population among students is not as visible here as it was at Hamilton, but that may be due to the presence of the uberhippies who inhabit the Ithaca commons year-round. They are rather hard-core, and they could out-hippy any college hippy in the land. Even Hampshire College students. I heard that they actually found a way to compost plastic.

One thing that is definitely the same at Cornell is the presence of the pre-med creature. These shrew-like beings scurry around campus here, too, concerned with outdoing their peers and impressing their professors as they try to burrow their way to the top of the scholarly heap.

Ah, academia. Maybe if we impose a Logan's Run-like population control policy on these animals, we can tone them down. Either that or we implement campus-wide policies requiring that everyone carry tasers in order to ward off over-competitive pre-professional students.

But enough foreplay, let's get down to what we really came here for. Hardcore nudi...I mean, science. Yes, science. One of the biggest differences between the Big Red and the Blue is that the requisites for graduating from Cornell in the sciences do not include completing a senior thesis (!).

Princeton University is the only large university that requires all of its students to complete thesis study within their majors. Here, students can use summer or semester lab experience to build the foundation for what may segue into thesis work. However, a formal written thesis is usually only produced if one's project proves fruitful.

Getting into a lab here can be a different story, too. With the large amount of research that goes on, positions that provide pay or credit are available to students of almost any year. However, it is not as easy to get in contact with the research professors here as it was at Hamilton, and their lab positions fill up rather quickly.

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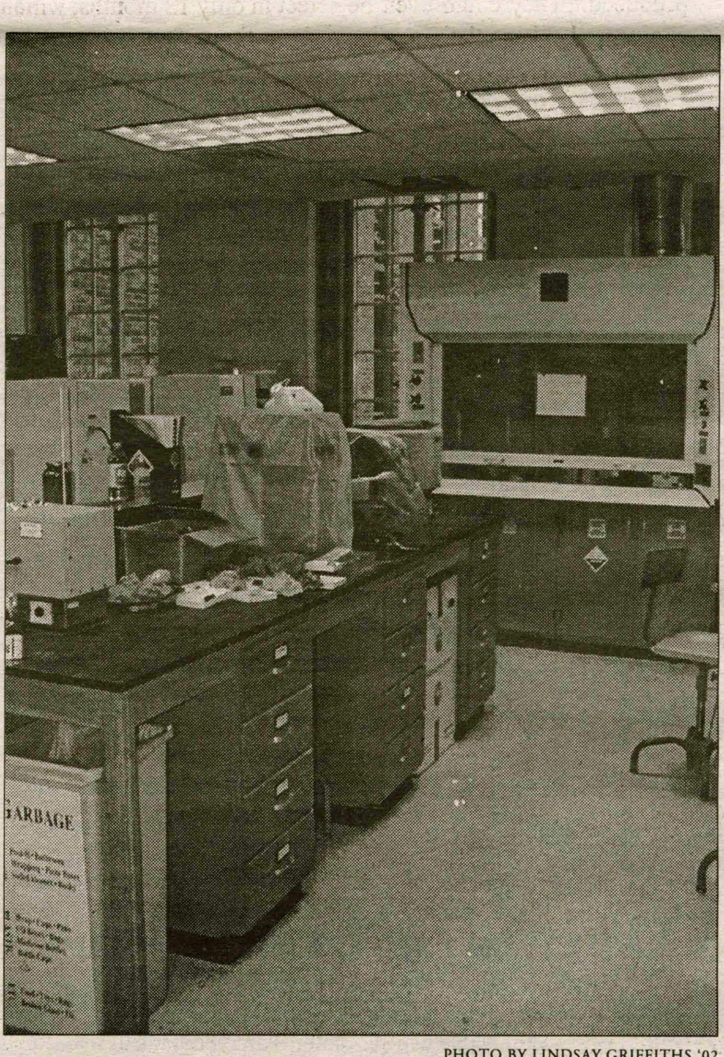
Regardless of the millions of dollars Hamilton is spending on the new science building, it likely will not compare to Cornell's Agriculture and Life Science Complex, which would probably consume the entire light side of our campus.

One major difference in being in a lab at Hamilton and at Cornell is the presence of graduate students. These crazy cats (working under the guidance of the faculty member that runs their lab) are usually the ones who oversee an undergraduate's project.



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According to Doug, it is much more difficult to get into labs at Cornell than it is at Hamilton. This empty Hamilton lab seems to prove the point.

Summer lab situations are similar to Hamilton College, though, as a plethora of grants are available to undergrads. As at Hamilton, one begins by searching for an appropriate lab and applying for a grant or stipend in order to pursue summer work.

Now we turn to the classroom. Here, the professors wear superhero outfits and dash in and out of lectures to fight crime. No, wait, that's not true...that's not true at all. That may happen at Williams, but not at Cornell. I'll stop lying.

The lectures in science courses here are a bit larger, averaging about 200 students. Contrary to what I expected for a larger institution, every lecture that I am in is taught by a senior faculty member. The lab and recitation components of my Physics class are very Hamiltonesque, consisting of no more than 15 students and a faculty member (who does not wear a superhero outfit).

Another dissimilarity between Hamilton and Cornell is the organization of certain lab science courses. In classes like Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, students receive separate grades and credits for the laboratory portions of those classes.

While at Hamilton, I heard some students comment that courses with time-consuming lab requirements deserve a separate grade. I usually shared this sentiment, but upon further thought, I realized that this method of accreditation may come as a mixed blessing, as I have sometimes relied upon the lab component of a course to pull up a lagging test average.

One further aspect of Cornell that stands in contrast to Hamilton is the abundance of independent study science courses, also known as "auto-tutorial courses."

In the sciences these exist for various introductory courses and some upper-level courses. On a scale of "one" to "fun," I would rate these courses as "pretty fun"; I am in the auto-tutorial biochemistry course, and it is a rollicking good time.

Auto-tutorial courses are divided into weekly units, and one must pass a quiz in order to progress to the next unit. A study center is available with undergraduate teaching assistants and faculty members to provide guidance and administer the quizzes.

Midterms and finals in auto-tutorial courses occur during the normal testing weeks here. Oh, tests here are referred to as "prelims," and I have yet to figure out why. Example: "I have a prelim on Tuesday." It makes very little sense to me.

So there we have it. There are, of course, some things that Hamilton has that couldn't exist elsewhere, such as the Annex, Bundy, and a slew of amazing professors.

As far as science goes, there are contrasts between the sciences at a large university and a smaller liberal arts school. But I think that we all know that science is fun no matter where you study it. Which is why you're reading *The Spectator's* very own Science Section.

Scientists clone first human embryo

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Those of you who couldn't get enough of the human cloning debate last semester will be happy to see that the highly controversial topic has reappeared in headlines across America. Biotechnology company Advanced Cell Technology announced this Monday that they had successfully cloned a human embryo.

The embryos, which died before dividing past the eight-cell stage, were questionably the first produced via cloning technology, piquing the interest of the scientific community and shocking conservatives across the globe.

In their article, published in the Journal of Regenerative Medicine and titled "Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer in Humans: Pronuclear and Early Embryonic Development," researchers state that "the ability to create autologous embryos represents the first step towards generating immune-compatible stem cells that could be used to overcome the problem of immune rejection in regenerative medicine."

Stem cells are undifferentiated cells with the potential to develop into cells of many different tissues. Because stem cells are capable of both replication and differentiation, they are of considerable interest to medical applications, possibly treating degenerative diseases or repairing damaged tissues.

Scientists at Advanced Cell Technology are optimistic that their techniques will create new sources of stem cells for regenerative therapy.

As presented in their brief article, researchers at the firm explored two distinct methods to create the embryos. The first was the same technique used to create Dolly the sheep in 1997; genetic material was removed from an unfertilized egg, which was then injected with the DNA of an adult cell. The resulting oocyte (developing egg cell) was an exact genetic replica of the adult cell.

In their experiment, researchers at Advanced Cell Technologies injected the genetic material of either adult skin cells or adult cumulus cells (cells that cling to human eggs *in vivo*) into an unfertilized egg. Eleven eggs were infused with skin cell DNA; cumulus cell DNA was added to eight additional eggs. The skin cell "clones" died before undergoing a single division, while three of the eight cumulus cells divided once or twice before they too died. These cells were thus ineligible for stem cell harvesting.

The second method of cloning involved the stimulation of an egg cell to divide without being fertilized by a sperm. This process is known as parthenogenesis, and unlike traditional cloning methods, it copies the egg's own genetic material, not the DNA of an injected cell. Embryos resulting from this mechanism only have the genetic material of the mother and thus cannot develop into fetuses.

Scientists began the parthenogenesis experiments with 22 unfertilized human eggs. After several days, most of the egg cells had died. Several lasted for five days and divided up to six times before dying, representing the "successful" embryonic clones.

Reactions from the scientific community varied, and many scientists questioned the true significance of the experiment.

According to Ian Wilmut, the scientist responsible for cloning Dolly the sheep at the Roslin Institute in Scotland, these results should be interpreted as "very preliminary." Wilmut stated that the human embryo is supposed to divide every 24 hours, thereby doubling its number of cells. The Advanced Cell Technology embryo should have technically been at the 60-cell stage after five days.

Other experts found it inappropriate for Advanced Cell Research to publish its results at all, since their experiment was ultimately unsuccessful.

The reaction from Washington to this news has been split down party lines. President Bush condemned the breakthrough, maintaining that he is 100 percent opposed to any cloning of human embryos.

Congress has recently moved to outlaw all human cloning. The proposed new law is currently under consideration by the Senate after being passed by the House Judiciary Committee in July.

Genetically engineered trees; Christmas will never be the same

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

As Thanksgiving ends and Christmas draws near, many families are rushing out to purchase the centerpiece of the holiday season: the Christmas tree. Tall or short, fat or thin, the Christmas tree is the staple of many a household, and searching for and purchasing the "perfect" tree can be a family bonding experience or an agonizing outdoor adventure, depending just how "perfect" the tree must be.

Heading out to the Christmas tree farm this year, you will find plenty of trees to choose from. There are not only the conventional trees such as the white pine, the Austrian pine, the scotch pine, and the spruces, which are the trees that our parents remember decorating as children, but also a whole army of genetically engineered trees, such as the fraser fir and the concolor fir, which are becoming more and more popular.

These hybrid trees are entering exponentially more households every year because of their color, smell, and durability; however, the genetics of engineering the absolute "perfect" Christmas tree go much further than simple hybridization.

The possibility of creating Christmas trees that even Martha Stewart would be proud of, and growing them commercially en masse, lies just on the horizon. Acres of perfectly identical trees with straight trunks, symmetrical branches, and that perfect Christmas tree shape could be produced. They could even be engineered to keep their needles far into January, allowing households to stretch the holiday season to the brink of Valentine's Day.

Current growing techniques include the simple collection of pinecones from the most ideal trees in the field. The seeds are sorted from the pinecones, planted in the spring and fall, and covered with sand or sawdust. As the trees only reach one inch in height after one year, it takes about three years before they can be transplanted to the field. Once in the field, the trees must be painstakingly pruned in order to create and maintain the conical shape so important in the average Christmas tree.

Soon, however, all this might change. ForBio, an Australian biotechnology company, is leading the way in the creation of this new "super tree." Currently, the company is working to create genetically superior temperate pines used in the lumber industry and tropical eucalyptus used for making pulp and paper. As eight billion trees are cut down each year for lumber and paper, and currently only ten percent of these trees come from commercial forests, ForBio hopes to create at least 50 million trees per year by 2003 to be used exclusively for lumber and paper production.

The first experiment, which was done on a plantation in Indonesia, yielded a forest of genetically enhanced eucalyptus trees, all of identical height. The trees were engineered for rapid growth, and all grew about 38 feet in only 12 months, which is three times faster than normal. These trees will mature in only four years, as opposed to the eight or nine that it usually takes for them to be harvested for paper production.

Co-founder of ForBio Bob Teasdale explains the seemingly infinite possibilities of genetic engineering: "We can make a 50% to 100% increase in the size of the tree, change the number of branches per trunk, change the spacing between branches, manipulate the angle that the branches come off the tree, regulate its growing time, and make it sterile so that its genes cannot get into the gene pool of the natural forests."

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With genetic engineering, someday everyone's Christmas tree could be fit for Capitol Hill.

ForBio has an exclusive license from DuPont to use a technique called RAPD, in which scientists choose genes that they wish to be expressed in the plant tissues in order to create a plant that has all the desired qualities, such as rapid growth rate and insect resistance. The trees are then made sterile, to ensure that they do not affect the genetics of the natural trees, and are propagated into new plants, all resemble the newly assembled super tree.

The process of RAPD is made possible with samples of bark and leaves that are gathered from some of the tallest, largest, and sturdiest trees in nature. The DNA of these trees is extracted from the samples, and primers are used to locate the specific genes of interest, such as the gene for height. Other genes for traits such as insect resistance are injected into the gene pool before the desired genes are spliced together to create the desired tree.

While ForBio is currently only doing research with deciduous trees, groups at Michigan State University are working on creating the perfect Christmas tree. As only about one in 10,000 Christmas trees are perfect, researchers have been searching for the most perfect scotch pine and Douglas fir (one with a straight trunk, strong branches, nice color, conical shape, and needle retention), in order to clone and eventually make the Christmas tree-hunting process much easier.

Although evergreens are relatively difficult to clone, a Danish team at the New Zealand Institute of Forest Research is working on nursing a field of 1,500 cloned firs. If the experiment is successful, the perfect Christmas tree could be for sale in about five years. Unlike other genetically modified plants, there seem to be no negative reactions to the enhancement of Christmas trees. Director of the project Dr. Jens Find states, "After all, it's not as if anyone eats Christmas trees."

Genetic engineering will hopefully make the search for the perfect tree a little easier and less stressful every year, and it seems to have endless possibilities. Scientists in London are contemplating the possibility of creating a self-illuminating tree, one that would glow in the dark, and would also give off a faint light during the day, simply by adding genes from fluorescent jellyfish and fireflies into the DNA of the trees. If only they could genetically engineer a self-decorating tree, Christmas would be so much easier.

Features

Members of Judicial Board clarify procedures:

DWI incidents question student understanding of consequences

By Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Setting off a fire alarm? Toking up with your roommate? Destroying school property? Most likely, you'll be making an appearance in front of the Judiciary Board. But what exactly happens to you after that? And what exactly does J-Board do? Most students know that J-Board is made up of seven of our peers, currently three seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, as well as a handful of staff members; Prof. Brian Collett, Prof. Edith Toegel, Prof. Odamtten, and Assistant Dean of Students Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz. However, few of us know much of what goes on behind closed doors. J-Board is one of the most powerful organizations on campus, yet few students understand the Hamilton judicial process.

"I got involved with J-Board because I wanted to help ensure that those students who had to go before the Board got a fair hearing. I feel that the Board has worked very hard not only in sanctioning fairly, but also in educating the students brought before us."

With the substantial number of incidents this semester, ranging from drunk driving to vandalism, it's important that the community be aware of both the severity of their actions, but of the function of J-Board. To get the lowdown on the typical J-Board procedures, I spoke with Judicial Board Chait Sara Weinstein '02. She explained the basics: "When an infraction against the community is allegedly committed, Kantrowitz and I meet to discuss the severity of the case, andto determine whether it will be tried infront of the entire board, or in an administrative hearing between Weinstein, Kantrowitz, and Dean NancyThompson. Infractions are dealt with at the administrative level if the student accepts responsibility for his actions and is not on a status of probation, AND the infraction does not warrant a possible separation from the College. Cases are brought to the entire Board if the student does not accept responsibility for the infraction, is already on a status of probation, OR the infraction is serious enough to warrant a possible separation from the college. In both cases the student is offered the opportunity to defend his actions; the final decision as to whether or not the student is responsible for the infraction is not connected in any way to or reflective of the student's previous record."

"However," Weinstein explains, "there are several variables that affect sanctions placed on a student who is found responsible. Therefore, even though several students may be found responsible for committing the same infraction, their punishments may vary based on any previous record, and their honesty and cooperation during the investigation."

Professor Collett comments, "If it has a reasonable potential to harm others, then it is viewed nearly as seriously as if the harm had occurred."

In terms of drunk-driving related incidents, a recent topic of pervasive concern on the Hill and an ever-present issue across college campuses nationwide, the J-Board maintains a strict position. Weinstein recalls, "Since I have been Chair, there have been six alcohol/driving cases that have been brought to the attention of the Board. Due to recent events at Colgate, the Board has taken it upon itself to act in a responsible manner and announce to the College community that driving while under the influence of alcohol cannot and will not be tolerated at Hamilton. Therefore, any student found responsible of driving under the influence of alcohol will without question receive a time of separation from the College as a sanction. The amount of time for which students will be separated, however, is based on the individual case."

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> ***-Professor Collett***

Last year, two students were suspended for one year each for drinking under the influence, while this fall one student was suspended for one year for a DWI, and a student with a previous judicial record was suspended for a year and a half for driving under the influence of alcohol. Two students also voluntarily withdrew from Hamilton this year, prior to their Board hearings. "We certainly had too large a number of drunk driving cases this fall, considering the campus awareness," claims Prof. Edith Toegel, Associate Professor of German. "I do not know what factors contribute to underage drinking and drunk driving; it certainly is not the lack of a campus dialogue on the issue. Considering the fact that we have had such a proportionately large number of drunk driving cases this fall, I do not see that the student body is intimidated by the Board's sanctions. In many ways I wish this were the case because drunk driving is dangerous, and it is unacceptable in this and any community."

"Driving while under the influence of alcohol is an unforgivable offensive that puts the entire community at risk," Weinstein says. "Those individuals who decide to partake in this destructive and completely irresponsible behavior do not belong in this community. And I am proud to be a part of a pro-active Board, which has been so strong and clear in its policies regarding this infraction."

Collett expresses a similar commitment to strict treatment of drunk driving: "As for the penalty I can say that I will not willingly allow a student found responsible for driving impaired to escape without suspension (or worse), though it may or may not need to be an immediate sanction. Any time a person drives a car while impaired by alcohol, he shows that he is willing to kill other people. Anyone who is willing to kill people, even while his judgment is impaired, does not belong in an academic community."

Weinstein adds, "Additionally, on both a professional and personal level, it is quite disheartening that this life - threatening behavior has become so prevalent at Hamilton. The notion that students would willingly put themselves and others at a mortal risk is beyond my comprehension, and a fact that disappoints me greatly."

However, J-Board is not always so cut-and-dry. Imagine having to try your best friend, your roommate, or lab partner. "We don't have an easy job," Domm laments. "It's a challenge, and I learn things from it every week. It is not easy judging your peers."

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Shown here are the members of the Judicial Board: Robert Wang '05, Amanda Mereau '02, James Pulliam '04, Alison Domm '04, Dave Trovato '02, Sara Weinstein '02, Professors Toegel, Collett, and Odamtten, and Ali Albedawi '03.

Coordinator of Study Abroad Program Toegel agrees: "Being fair and looking at every case individually are essential factors for the Board to be effective. We must have the students' and the community's trust that we do our job to the best of our abilities. Gaining that trust, and then keeping it over a long period of time, in spite of difficult and often unpopular decisions, can be a challenge."

Another major obstacle, according to Professor Brian Collett, is "trying to find the reality behind different stories about an incident. With the very limited resources of physical evidence, we often have to balance conflicting stories to discover what we believe to be the most reasonable account of what actually happened."

And although faculty roleson J-Board are not as well-known as students' positions, they count just the same. The job of staff members goes far beyond their typical "professor" images in the classroom. "First, I'm a listener," explains Prof. Vincent Odamtten, professor of English, "then I'm a questioner, thirdly a listener-questioner, and last I'm myself — that is, I'm a faculty member and a father. In determining the sanction or sanctions in a case, my contributions to the discussions are predicated on my role as both a faculty member and a parent. As a faculty member I represent the institution of Hamilton College, and as a parent I try to balance love and concern with what is ultimately in the best interests of the accused student."

For Toegel, the chance to "truly educate students beyond the classroom" is what led her to get involved. "The foremost 'qualification' if you want to call it that, is to listen attentively, to be fair minded, and to like students."

Collett adds that members must also posess "an ability to work for consensus, but to be totally supportive if a majority is all that can be reached, and the guts/stamina to keep coming back to handle even the nastiest cases."

Professor Odamtten describes his role on the J-Board as being someone who "listens carefully to the testimonies of witnesses and those who find themselves having to explain and sometimes defend their alleged actions. I ask questions in order to find out, to my satisfaction, what occurred and what might have been going on in the mind of the person or persons accused of some transgression." And after that? "We go into our deliberative mode. We listen to and question each other about the case and how we understand the evidence and the testimonies presented. Out of this very involved process, we come to a determination as to the responsibility or not of the accused."

Collett recognizes the integrity and dilligence of the student members of the student board: "I have to say that eleven hour meetings and horribly late nights have done nothing to diminish the sense of reward that I get from serving on the board because again I have the chance to work with a number of wonderful students in a setting in which we are equal members of a concerned community and not locked in the teacher and pupil relationship. I know of no set of students that I respect more than the student members of the Judicial Board and especially the Judicial Board chairs, with whom I have the privilege to work."

The Clothesline Project bears witness to incidents of sexual assault through t-shirt memorials

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES EDITOR

The daily routine of sifting through *The Daily Bull, The Spectrum*, and a plethora of other flyers announcing upcoming events was a likely sobering experience yesterday when many Hamilton College students found neon pink flyers announcing an upcoming project that will ask all community members to bear witness to incidents of violence against women committed both on campus and in the community-at-large.

Through *The Clothesline Project*, sponsored by the campus's Womyn's Center and the Sexual Assault Center, t-shirts made by community members to reflect or memorialize women's personal experiences of sexual assault, abuse, or domestic violence will be displayed in Beinecke during the week of December 3rd. According to Womyn's Center member and event co-coordinator Jamie Skiba '02, the first Clothesline Project occurred on the village green of Hyannis, MA in October 1990 as part of a Take Back the Night march and rally. Since then, over 35,000 shirts have been created across the United States and abroad. Nationwide, local chapters of the National Organization of Women sponsor the event on an annual basis.

Funding from the two organizations will provide free t-shirts for prospective participants that can be picked up on the 3rd floor of the Chapel or at the Womyn's Center, located on the 2nd floor of South Court. Late submissions of shirts will be accepted. All submissions will be anonymous and the disclosed details of the incident will be at the discretion of the creator of the t-shirt, although for legal reasons the project coordinators, Skiba '02 and Alison Lin '03 of the Sexual Assault Center, ask that only the first names or first initials of the perpetrator be included. The flyers, written and distributed by Lin and Skiba, discuss the project's shirt color codes, which they ask participants to follow in designing their submissions. Each color will represent different experiences of violence and abuse against women: red or pink for victims of rape or sexual assault, blue or green for survivors of incest of child abuse, purple for women attacked because they are lesbians, white for a woman who has died from an act of violence against women, and yellow for victims of domestic violence.

Commenting on her motivations for organizing the project, Skiba said, " There is a prevalent mythology that rapes and other incidents of violence against women don't happen here this project allows community members to testify anonymously that these things do happen here." Drop-off boxes for completed t-shirts are currently being set-up in the Mail Center and on the 3rd floor of the Chapel.

According to Skiba, the campus last participated in *The Clothesline Project* during the 1993-1994 school year. The impetus for the event was a letter to the editor in the April 16, 1993 issue of *The Spectator* written by A. Sona Virdi '94, that appeared with the headline "Break the Silence." In a previous letter to the editor, Virdi refuted the accuracy of *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* Fall of 1992 report that no rapes had occurred on the Hamilton campus. She then asked anyone who had been raped on campus to send an anonymous note through campus mail to her with the simple message of "I," and anyone who knew of a friend who had been raped to send one stating "Friend." In her "Break the Silence" letter, Virdi reported that she received 6 "I"s and 39 "Friend" messages. Virdi's letter also reminded readers that these statistics represented only those who decided to respond to her request; there might have been additional survivors amongst the community. At the end of her letter, Virdi said, "If you do not want to see the rapes and the pain and the hurt and degradation that go only with the rapes, you will not see it. But I plead with you, don't be blind to what is going on in your community. Be aware."

After finding the 1994 shirts that resulted from this communication, Skiba knew that she wanted to revive the project this semester. She said, "Many of us are aware of the inequities of society, and some of us realize there are funds allocated for us to do something about them, or at least to make people aware. Issues of violence and female abuse are things that I have been very sensitive to for a long time. Once I got over my insecurity and fears about what people would think of me for getting involved in these activities, I realized how much potential I have to do something. That's pretty much where my drive comes from now."

Lin, co-coordinator of the event, decided it was imperative to bring the project to campus after hearing comments from the audience of last spring's Take Back the Night that denied the existence of sexual assault on campus. She said, " I could not believe what I was hearing. SAC (Sexual Assault Center) meets once a week, and so I think about these issues on a weekly basis. A lot of people want to deny its occurrence, but it is here." Addressing what characteristics of the project make it thought-provoking and powerful for a college community, Lin said, " It is a way to personalize the atrocities, while being anonymous. There is a very delicate balance, and people need to feel safe, and this project allows that to happen. It is a way to promote healing and increase awareness of the problem. You can come out and see that you are not alone in dealing with this subject that is so taboo. People will stand shoulder-to-shoulder and realize that we are not in a bubble, it does happen here."

Although Lin emphasized that incidents of violence against women have been an "enduring problem" on our campus, and denied that it is a particularly opportune time for the project, the article entitled, "*Alleged Sexual Assault Investigated*" which appeared last week in the November 9, 2001 issue of *The Spectator* demonstrated that the problem is of current concern to the College's community.

The 150 word article, written by Managing Editor Chris Preston '03, stated that last Sunday morning, Campus Safety, the Kirkland Police Department, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Department responded to a complaint of a sexual assault having occurred in Bundy East the previous evening. The article did not include any identifying characteristics of the victim or of the accused perpetrator and disclosed very few details about the status of the investigation. According to Preston, his attempts to gain information from Dan English of the Kirkland Police Department, Ryan Phentler of the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, Nancy Thompson, Senior Associate Dean of Students, and Pat Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety spanned the entire 48 hours between the newspaper's finding out about the incident and the publication of the article.

Commenting on his experience in fact-gathering, Preston said, "I came away from the whole experience feeling bitter. I understand the legal issues involved, but the administration needs to realize that if they want to help *The Spectator* do the best job possible, they need to give us the information they can. They are public figures on campus, and someone has to step up because it is essential to inform our campus if there is a potential rapist [among us]. There was a gap between what they legally could have told us, and what they did tell us. We as staff members of *The Spectator* stick our necks out every week, why can't they?" In speculating about the reasons for what he perceived to be the administration's tight-lipped policy about the issue, Preston said, " All of them kept saying, 'well, what do you already know?' They don't want to be the person who lets too much information get out. But to spend two days interviewing them only to produce about a 100 word article is just ridiculous." In regards to the information he thought the administration should have disclosed, Preston cited basic details like the time of the incident and whether or not the alleged perpetrator had to date been arrested.

Preston also noted discrepancies between College officials' reports of the status of the investigation. According to Preston, Thompson reported that the investigation was on going, but Ingalls reported the case was closed. The article stated that the investigation was indeed on going. Since then, charges have been dropped.

Despite its brevity, Skiba was pleased to see the article. She said, "Legally, they *[The Spectator* staff and the administrators] said what they could. I liked how they included safety and prevention tips. I wish there could have been more about this before." Lin said, " I have never seen an article in the newspaper addressing this issue. It was good to see it there. There was no opinion included or any violation of privacy issues, so I think it was appropriate."

Further evidence of increasing concern with the issue of sexual assault on campus is last year's formation of a Hamilton chapter of Men Advocating Change by David Kolb '02. According to Kolb, a chapter exists at Colgate University, which was formed by Mark Thompson, husband of Dean Thompson. The group now has about ten members, said Kolb, and they meet weekly in Couper 207 on Thursday afternoons to discuss these issues. In talking about his motivations for creating the chapter, Kolb commented, "There is a perception of a lot of people, and I agree with it, that men tend to be collectively behind realizing the importance of the issue on our campus and the prevalence of the crime. The cultural concept of masculinity often makes men uncomfortable with dealing with these issues. But men are usually the perpetrators and I think the members of the group realize that we need to change men's attitudes and perceptions of the issue."

In discussing her hope for solid community support for the Clothesline Project, Skiba addressed both men and women who don't want to admit the existence of the problem or don't feel comfortable expressing their concern. "I still find it very mysterious that people are often afraid of appearing too passionate about something. I think they feel that they don't want to be too strong about something, or they don't feel the need to speak up. Staying quiet is a lot easier, but can be a lot more painful as well. We need to do more."

In another effort to increase undergraduate male awareness of sexual assault, Lin hopes to organize a discussion forum for fraternity brothers through the Intersociety Council. She clarified, "We are not saying that they are always responsible, but we do want to examine the social environment that lets rape happen. It does affect their population, and they need to realize that. Maybe then when they are standing at the keg and see something bad happening, they will do something about it."

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Laura Crandall '04 et. al. did a survey for her women's studies class. She said, "We extended this to all survivors of sexual assault. We randomly put 450 surveys in people's mail boxes. We asked people to check "I" or "Friend" if they or a friend had survived an instance of sexual assault on the Hamilton Campus. We got 105 responses, 22 checked "I," 70 checked " Friend", and 13 wrote they didn't know of anyone and had not themselves been sexually assaulted on campus."

Ambrose's writing conference aids adolescent girls

by Jessica Atcheson '03
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On Saturday, Nov. 17, twenty local middle school girls gathered in the Events Barn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to participate in "Girls Speak Out: A Conference on Individuality and Group Identity," organized by Jessica Ambrose '02 as part of a much larger project that fosters expression and helps adolescent girls build self-esteem.

The conference, described by facilitator Marisabel Portillo '03, was "a day for the girls to find themselves." In the morning, the girls, who hailed from Donovan (Utica), Westmoreland, Waterville, and New Hartford middle schools, enjoyed icebreaker activities run by the Hamilton Adventure Program to open the conference and acquaint all of the girls.

Then, with the help of the conference facilitators, all female Hamilton students, broke into small groups and created a coat-of-arms that reflected roles that the young women saw themselves in, which included sister, daughter, leader, and student. The afternoon held a number of other activities for the girls, including small group discussion and a talk about individuality and group identity by author Uzo Unobagha.

The highlight of the afternoon session involved the girls brainstorming three concerns for girls in the new millennium, as well as solutions addressing those concerns. Ambrose said that the girls' main concerns included peer pressure, cliques, dating, sexual harassment, increasing responsibility, and parents' attention.

Portillo also mentioned, "The girls raised concerns that I never had to deal with when I was that age, gangs, drugs, pregnancy, sexual orientation." Solutions to dealing with all of these concerns included college-age mentors and expression through journal writing.

This conference evolved as part of a larger project that Ambrose, a Sociology major, had organized and developed over the past two years. The project started as a class project and has since grown into much more.

In 1999, Ambrose was moved by a younger sister's tough time in middle school and by reading that a group of young girls had created their own magazine that promoted individuality as an alternative to mainstream young girls' magazines. With that inspiration, she created a project for her Issues in Education class that involved meeting weekly with a group of middle school girls from Clinton to help them create their own magazine.

The next fall, she continued the project as a Kirkland Associate, developing it as a journal-writing group. Her project was entitled "Personal Explorations through Journal Writing with Middle School Girls." Her mentor for the project, Director of the Teacher Education Program Susan Mason, described Ambrose's endeavor: "It was a right idea that had a focused, energetic, and dedicated woman behind it... with a well of wanting to make a difference."

With Mason's help, Ambrose created a manual for a journal-writing group to be used by others, which outlines different weeks of activities for the groups to engage in. Portillo says that the girls make their own journals, in which to write down thoughts, ideas, and as Portillo noted, often poetry.

When the group meets, the girls share their ideas and thoughts at will, and stimulate discussion of issues including relationships and body image. Alison Lin '03, another facilitator, said, "It allows very different personalities to be brought together to express themselves."

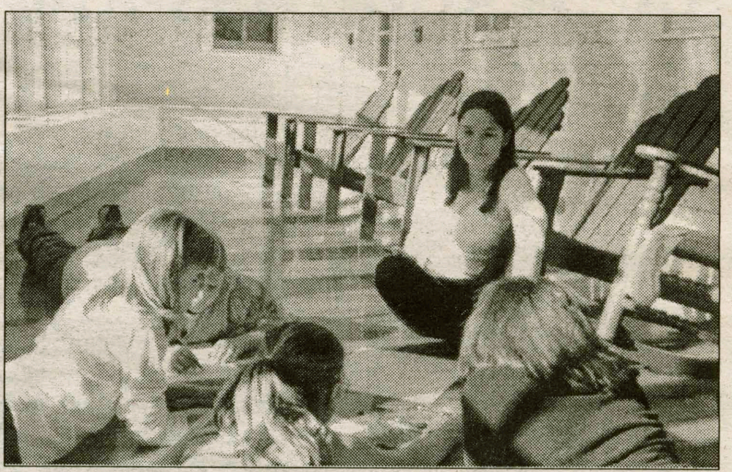
This year Ambrose received a grant from the Woman's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central New York to expand the program to other local schools. The conference grew out of that, allowing the groups from each school to come together for a day to meet one another and share ideas and experiences.

At the end of the conference, two girls from the first year of the program, now in ninth grade, came to speak to the group about their experiences and insight. Ambrose said that, while at the beginning of the program these girls had low self-esteem, they gave their presentation and were "funny, animated, confident," showing the effect that the program had.

Mason also notes the importance of the program in establishing a lifetime activity of writing and talking with these girls: at an often confusing time in their lives, it allows the girls to "be in charge of their ideas, which then are not so scary or impossible."

Portillo agreed, "The basic goal of the whole program is to build confidence and self-esteem, to show them it's okay to be different, it's okay to be themselves."

A major part of the project is also providing the girls with positive college-aged female role models, Ambrose says. Mason describes the facilitators that are involved in the project: "It takes a special kind of person. The women going to the schools are an extraordinarily dedicated, energetic, committed group that just really want to make a difference for these young girls." The Conference allowed the girls to further interact with the girls.



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Starting as a sociology class project and expanding as a result of a grant from a local organization, Ambrose recently hosted a conference to discuss female social anxieties during middle school and to offer solutions through journal writing.

According to Portillo, the girls who participated in the conference had "a positive attitude going into it and a positive attitude going out of it," and left with open minds and the wish to share their ideas. Mason described the conference as full of happy faces, and noted that the girls all seemed very comfortable with each other; "[The atmosphere] was fun, but in a serene and fluid way."

Ambrose saw a change in the girls, even in the one day of the conference. While in the beginning, some were shy and quiet, but by the end, they were more confident and having a great time, she observed. "The change in six hours you could see in them was worth it," she said.

Ambrose said that, from the conference, she "learned a lot about what works and what doesn't," and was driven to consider the shape that future conferences could take. "One of the big concerns of the girls was that parents don't listen; in the future, maybe parents could be involved."

There is clearly a future for such an expansive, influential program that encourages confidence and expression in adolescent girls. According to Mason, "With others' energies, it can continue. It's a great program for any girl." Ambrose agreed, noting the new shape the roect has taken. "I've done a lot of work, but I feel like it's taken on a life of its own," she said.

Through its emphasis on reflection and expression, the program has provided a strong base for the young girls to build upon. Mason says, "We don't live in a reflective society, and the consequences of that are people feeling lost. We don't need that," furthered Mason. "However, through this program, perhaps a girl that might have been 'lost' will discover her way. Her way to expression, to confidence, to herself."

Think Tank: an enlightening and broad learning experience

by Amy Kopriva '02 and Chris Takacs '05
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A weekly event focusing on such diverse topics as bio-terrorism and Jane Austen, Think Tank offers an informal opportunity for students and faculty to meet, learn and discuss topics from all disciplines and areas of interest. In order to increase awareness of the interdisciplinary series, we at Features spoke with Think Tank co-coordinators Mimi Barrett '02 and Amanda Taylor '02. Both girls took the position last fall.

Taylor became involved in the organization because her friend, Meredith Volker '00, who co-coordinated Think Tank with Lisa Stasiowski '00, offered her the position once she had graduated. Taylor then asked Barrett if she would be willing to share the position. Mimi had never before been to a Think Tank session. Barrett is majoring in American studies while Taylor is majoring in both American Studies and Archaeology. Offering a faculty perspective on Think Tank, Professor of English John O'Neill and Couper Librarian of Burke Library Randy Ericson are regular attendees, while Professor O'Neill himself has recently spoken at one of the talks/discussions. "I did one a few weeks ago on Jane Austen novels and films. Not to be immodest, I thought my own Think Tank was awfully good and very well attended." Think Tank meetings take place in KJ 222 every Friday at noon.

What is the format of the discussions?

Barrett: "We just sit around the table and the presenters usually speak for 10-15 mins, it is very informal. We don't even have a formal Q and A. It is an open disucssion that can be taken in many directions. You can leave whenever you need to, usually they run about 50 minutes."

What do you feel are the benefits of attending these lectures, and what are the primary goals of the series?

Taylor "You can learn lots of random facts. Coming to these sessions really helps your trivial pursuit skills. [For example] we learned that one gram of botulism can kill 1.5 million people from neurological damage through Professor of Biology Ginny Garrett's presentation on bio-terrorism."

Barrett: "We try to cater to a general audience. It is a great way to scope out the professors and see how they interact, see if you might want to take a class with them. I feel so lucky that I have been exposed to all of this information about all kinds of topics... it takes me out of my American studies bubble."

Ericson: "The people attending always seem to be interested in the topics and usually participate. There is a good mix of faculty and students involvement. As an administrator, I appreciate the Think Tank program as a opportunity to meet informally with students and faculty to discuss ideas in a casual and friendly atmosphere. It is a program I would recommend to other administrators on campus."

How would your describe the conversational dynamic of these meetings—feisty? academic? productive? fun?

Barrett: "The discussions are interesting. Sometimes it gets heated, but sometimes it is warm and fuzzy."

Taylor: "Usually discussions are informal and relaxed. Sometimes certain topic provoke more controversy than others, particularly campus issues."

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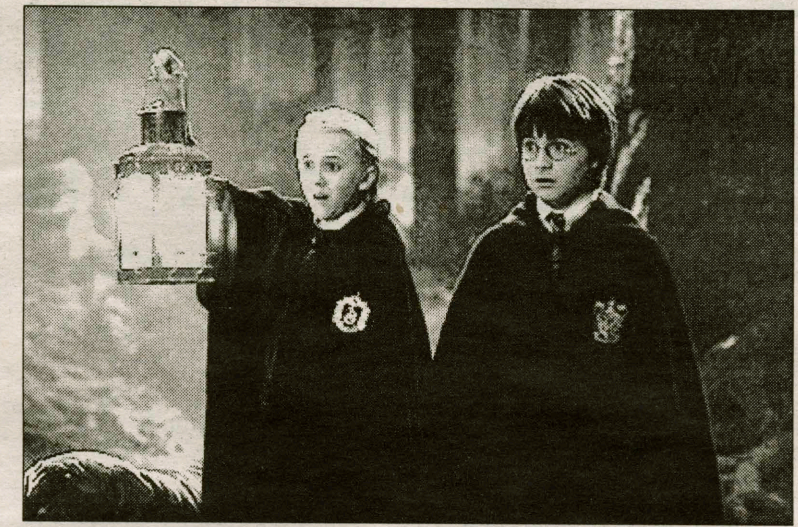
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Michelle Fucci '04 takes a look at this winter's best book-turned-movie

Making a movie out of a book, especially an immensely popular book with a cult following, can be very difficult. But the makers of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* accepted the challenge and visually gave life to Hogwarts' finest student. Although slow at times, the movie was stunning and even managed to stay true to J.K. Rowling's now-classic book, pleasing avid *Harry* fans as well as first-timers.

In the movie, a young Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), living with his evil aunt, uncle, and cousin, learns that he is actually a famous wizard. He is then enrolled at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and embarks on a year of mischief, excitement, and fun along with his friends Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint). Directed by Chris Columbus, who also directed the classic kid comedies *Home Alone* and *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is taken from J.K. Rowling's best-selling book of the same name.

When it comes to a book that has such a following being made in to a movie, there is always a question of doing justice to the book. As a devoted fan of the books, I would say that the filmmakers did an excellent job. It is quite the task to turn an entire world, complete with it's own vocabulary and sports, into a two-and-a-half-hour movie. But I found that the movie touched on all the important parts of Harry's world, such as a Quidditch match, so that it didn't feel like anything was really left out.



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Daniel Radcliffe and Tom Felton star as Harry Potter and Draco Malfoy in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, playing at Sangertown Square this weekend.

Harry Potter also appeals to those getting their first taste of the wizarding world. Those who weren't familiar with Harry's tale were treated to a visually amazing movie. There were beautiful shots of the majestic Hogwarts school grounds, portraits that talked, shifting staircases, and a crowded Diagon Alley, the Fifth Avenue for witches and wizards. Even if seeing the movie does not propel you to borrow the books from your younger sibling, it will transport you to another world for at least a little while.

In terms of the casting of this movie, it was very important that the cast be all British. The filmmakers decided that this would keep the movie as authentic as possible, seeing as the books take place in England (at both wizard and non-wizard locales). When Stephen Spielberg was considering directing the movie, he wanted *The Sixth Sense* star Haley Joel Osment to play Harry. However, an all-British cast was definitely the way to go. Radcliffe, an up-and-coming British star, shines as Harry. His cohorts Watson and Grint almost steal the spotlight from him with their love-hate antics. Richard Harris as Headmaster Dumbledore, Alan Rickman as dastardly Professor Snape, and Robbie Coltrane as lovable Hagrid all give fantastic performances.

My only criticism was that, at times, the movie seemed to move a bit slowly. In movie form, there were not as many chapter-ending mini-cliffhangers as Rowling had carefully constructed in her novels, so the movie tends to inch along at some parts. Overall, though the length of the movie was not a drawback for me, it was obvious that younger viewers and those with short attention spans were getting a tad antsy.

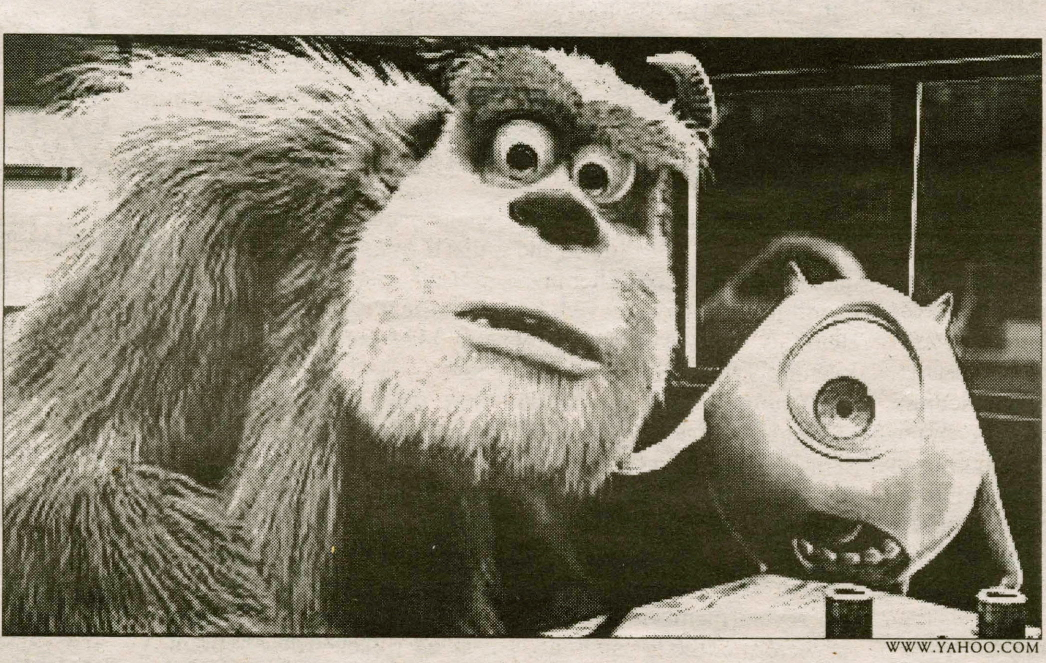
Shattering records in its first weekend out, *Harry Potter* is destined to be a classic movie supplement to a classic book. I'll still prefer the book when I want to delve into Harry's world, but the movie helps to fill in the imagination gaps. With a new book (number five) in the series on the way, and more movies in the works, it's not a bad time to be a *Harry Potter* fan.

Monsters, Inc. an achievement

Whit Rothe '05 revels at *Pixar*

The computer is a pretty incredible invention. It was invented almost a hundred years ago, brought into the home about twenty-five years ago, and became a necessity about a decade ago. The computer revolution has been swift and incredible, to say the least, and has had a mind-boggling effect on our daily lives. At some point in a day, every person in this country will interact with a computer. Whether it be a car, an ATM, a cash register, an airplane, or a PC, computers are an intricate part of our society. However, it has been amazing to see the effect of the computer on filmmaking. Huge explosions, spaceships, dogs that can kick field goals, and talking pigs are just a few things that computers have made possible. The computer can even bring dead people to life, or at least on screen. And now, the computer is replacing hand-drawn animation. *Monsters, Inc.* is the latest installment of this amazing technical revolution.

Monsters, Inc. is a stunning display of the magic that the computer can create. The intricate detail put into every single frame of animation is absolutely mind-numbing. I found that I got completely lost in the stunning nature of the monsters' world. *Pixar*, the masters behind *Toy Story* and *Toy Story 2*, have come a long way since they created their first feature only a few years ago. Incredible graphics are an amazing tool, but a movie still sucks without a great script. *Monsters, Inc.* has a great story.



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John Goodman and Billy Crystal "star" in *Monsters, Inc.* You can catch some monsters at Sangertown Square.

The film takes place in a monster city that is powered by human children's screams. James P. "Sulley" Sullivan (John Goodman) and Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal) work at *Monsters, Inc.*, the utility company that generates energy from children by training monsters to scare them. Through an intricate network of doors connected to the kids' closets, the monsters sneak in at night, scare the kids, fill up the canisters, and come back the next night. However, chaos ensues when Sulley, the No. 1 scream-generator at the plant, accidentally lets a little girl into the monsters' world. Since monsters are actually terrified of children, it's a huge problem. Mike and Sulley inherit the responsibility of hiding the child from the monster world and taking it back to its home. There are some plot twists that I won't spoil here, but I will say that the dialogue is sharp and very funny. Goodman and Crystal have excellent chemistry and play off each other very well.

The Bottom Line: Good writing and amazing graphics make *Monsters, Inc.* a must-see. If you loved *Shrek*, then you should really enjoy this.

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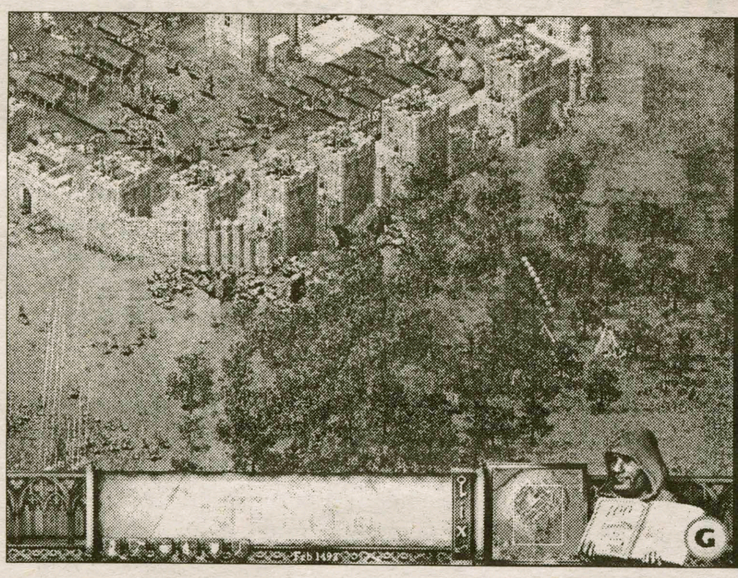
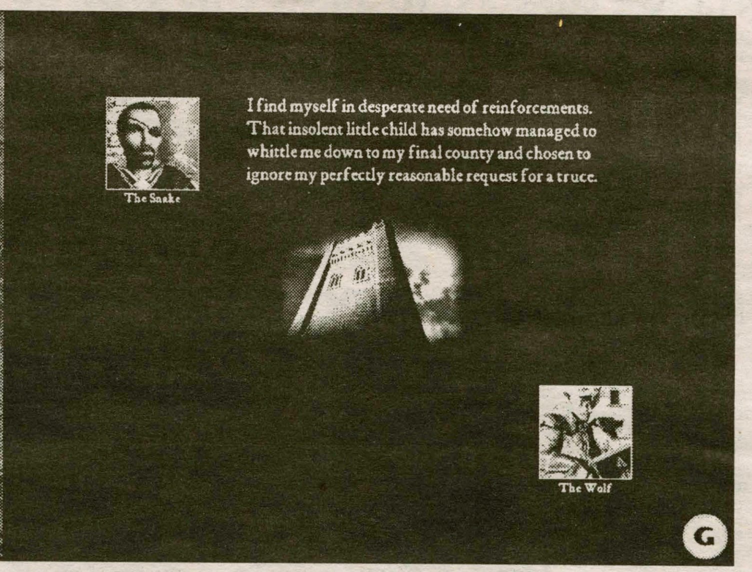
Gaming Corner: STRONGHOLD

Mithat Yaltir '03 satiates your need for gaming knowledge





FireFly Studios developed *Stronghold*, a game that resurrects medieval life and battle. *Stronghold* does an awesome job of re-creating the medieval environment, as it opens up the way to medieval battles and puts the gamers in charge so that they can taste the castle siege warfare. Readers can download the demo from http://www.gamespot.com.

FireFly does an excellent job in the overall game structure, as gamers can choose from various missions. Campaigns, single mission,s and tutorials are a few options included in the game. Campaigns are classified into two categories: economic-based and combat-based. Gamers who are into logistical tactics will enjoy economic-based campaigns, while combat-based missions will challenge gamers' ability to lead knights, archers, and footmen into battle.

FireFly also includes so-called "free missions" in the game. Although such missions will not attract experienced gamers, for beginners these missions will provide a solid training ground. Some of the strategy games currently on the market are so hard that many impatient gamers turn their heads away. This is not the case with *Stronghold*.

Although the campaigns are different in their ultimate objectives, all missions share the common task of personnel management. It is important to keep the people happy and efficient at the same time. Gamers can choose from a variety of laborers, including woodcutters, who supply lumber, and blacksmiths, who produce weapons.

Realistically, once the people have some of their basic needs fulfilled, they ask for more. Building a church may keep gamers' religious people happy for a while, but later on they will ask for a cathedral.

Gamers can fulfill all of the needs of the people, but only at a cost of efficiency. The more leisure facilities people have, the less productive they will be. Fortunately, *FireFly* also includes structures that remind citizens who is really in charge: the Gamer. Dungeons and burning stakes are two examples of such structures. As Machiavelli puts it: it is a choice between being loved and feared.

Overall, *Stronghold* provides unique gameplay. No developer has come as close to castle warfare as *FireFly* has. However, the game could have been much better if multiple gamers could cooperate against the computer.

Wrap Up: Worth the try. Medieval warfare like never before.

Game Spot

Renegade beta sign-ups begin at midnight

The beta test sign-ups for *Command & Conquer Renegade*, Westwood Studios' upcoming shooter, are set to begin at midnight tonight. The 24-hour sign-up period will open at 12:01am PST November 28, 2001, and Westwood will randomly select 1,500 beta testers from the pool of qualified entries. Those selected will be notified within three days of the end of the sign-up period.

Alcatraz: Prison Escape breaks into stores

Alcatraz: Prison Escape is powered by the LithTech 3D engine, and it includes five detailed levels filled with puzzles, mazes, guards, and high-tech security devices. The game also features a multiplayer mode. *Alcatraz: Prison Escape* is now available in stores for an approximate retail price of $29.99.

Blizzard trailers coming in DivX

The game company licenses the video compression technology for use in distributing its cinematic game trailers.

(News compiled by Mithat Yaltir '03 from http://www.gamespot.com)

Circling Alcestis

Hannah Stahle '03 discovers the connection between Greece, martial arts, and West Sumatra

Before Thanksgiving vacation, Minor Theater was alive with the play *Circling Alcestis*, adapted from Euripedes' *Alcestis* by Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance Craig Latrell and Carter Cox '03. The play, based on the classical Greek tale, was the culmination of almost a year of work by Latrell and Cox.

An expert on Asian theater, Latrell, who lived and taught in Singapore prior to his arrival at Hamilton, wanted to direct a play that utilized the Southeast Asian art of randai. Randai, a relatively new art form, was developed only about 100 years ago in West Sumatra. According to Cox, "randai came out of a form of martial arts called 'silat.' It combines martial arts with dance, music, and song to tell a story and utilizes a technique called 'galambong,'" in which a circle of performers makes up the chorus and performs choreographed movement between the scenes.

As there is little information published in English about the art of randai, Latrell and Cox, funded by an Emerson grant, traveled to Malaysia this summer to do field research and observe and get advice about performing randai theater.

The decision to adapt Eurpides' *Alcestis* into a play using the techniques of randai theater came before Latrell and Cox ventured to Malaysia. The Greek play, translated by Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz, provided the perfect medium for translation into the Asian art form. "*Alcestis* was chosen because it is episodic and because the idea of the circle is engrained into the play with the themes of life and death," said Cox.

After returning from Malaysia, Cox spent his summer adapting the story into a play. In order to incorporate randai theater into the Greek tale, the job entailed "breaking the story into episodes, rearranging the lines in the chorus, and making cuts," said Cox.

When the adaptation was complete, the play was ready to begin production. Directed by Latrell, the play was performed within a circle created on the floor of Minor Theater. *Circling Alcestis* took the stage, telling the story of Admentos and Alcestis, the King and Queen of Pherai, played by Curt Confer '02 and Aurelia Fisher '03. Alcestis, doomed to life in the underworld in place of her husband, is ultimately saved by Herakles, who was played by Johanna Liias '02. The play also featured Aaron Wilton '03 as Pheres, father of Admentos, Sarah Wilkinson '03 and Arlette Barahona '03 as servants to the king and queen, Nathan Williams '03 as Apollo, and Eric Hansen '03 as death. In addition, several members of the chorus performed the "galambong."

All performances were exceptional, especially Confer's portrayal of the aggrieved Admentos. Just as outstanding was the performance by the chorus, flawlessly incorporating the basic aspects of randai theater into its sharp and precise movement within the circle.

Although he admittedly missed acting, Cox, who acted as Assistant Director, was very pleased with the outcome of his work. "I've never been a part of a production from the very beginning to the very end before, and it was a great experience," he said.

Carrie Patch '02, production stage manager for the play, said that *Circling Alcestis* was "an amazing play for Hamilton to do because it is very different from anything that has been done before."

"It was a great opportunity for cross-cultural theater," agreed Cox, although he admitted that this blending of cultures and art forms is highly debated. "Do you undermine the authenticity of each art form by putting two cultures together?" This debate aside, Cox stated that the point of cross-cultural theater is "showing how the art forms blend together and seeing what you get when they do." With *Circling Alcestis*, Latrell and Cox successfully combined the two cultures and art forms into a seamless and new representation of an ancient Greek tale.

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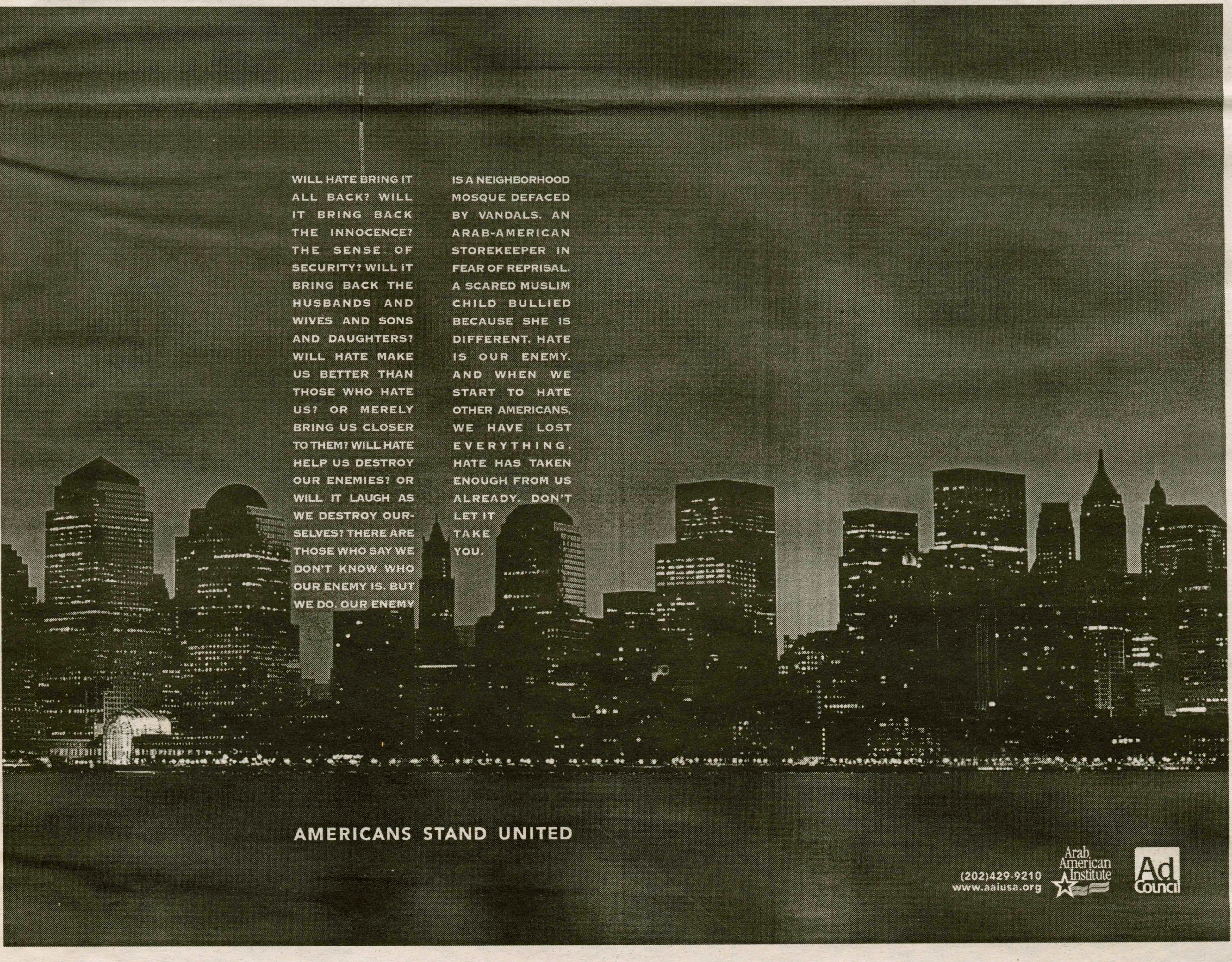

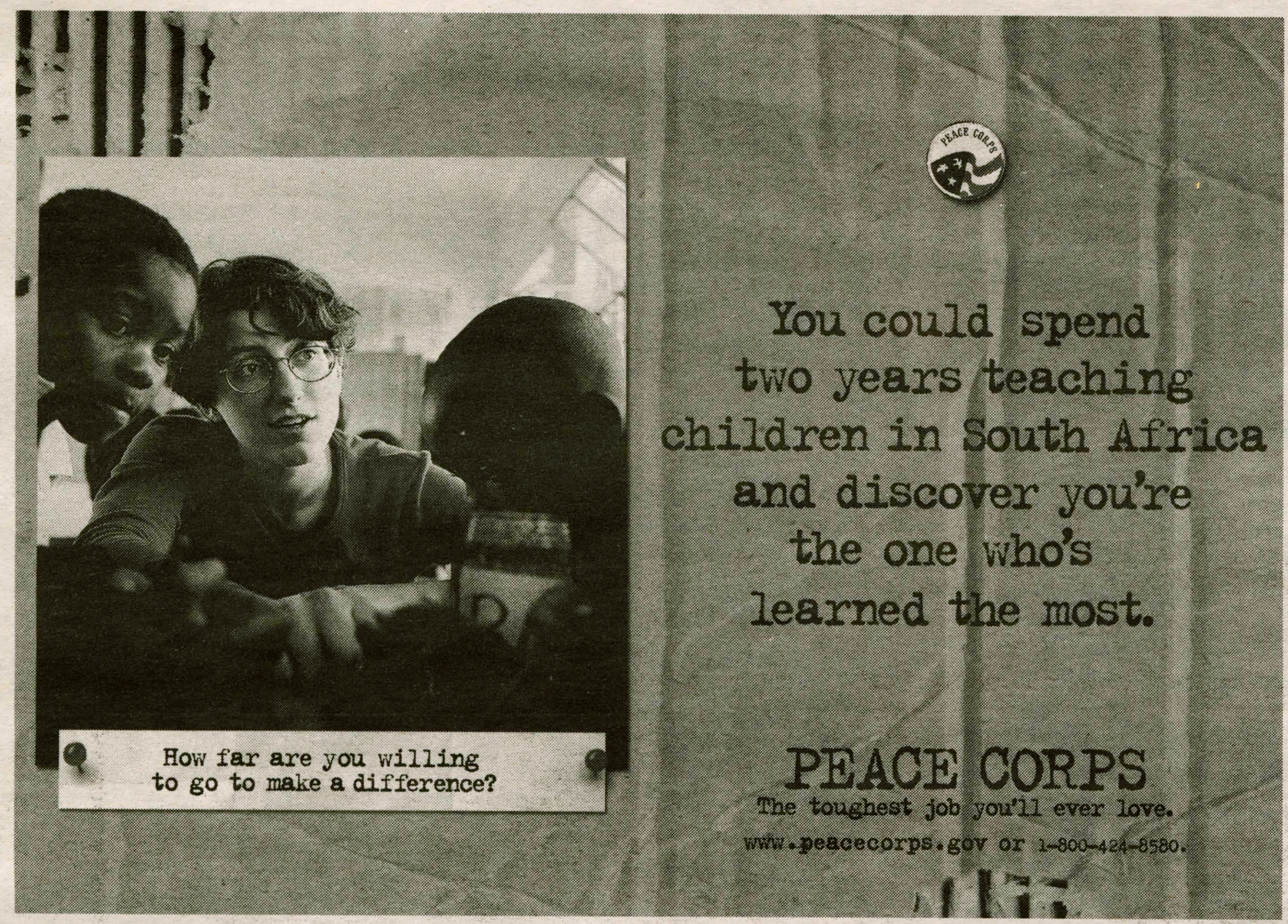

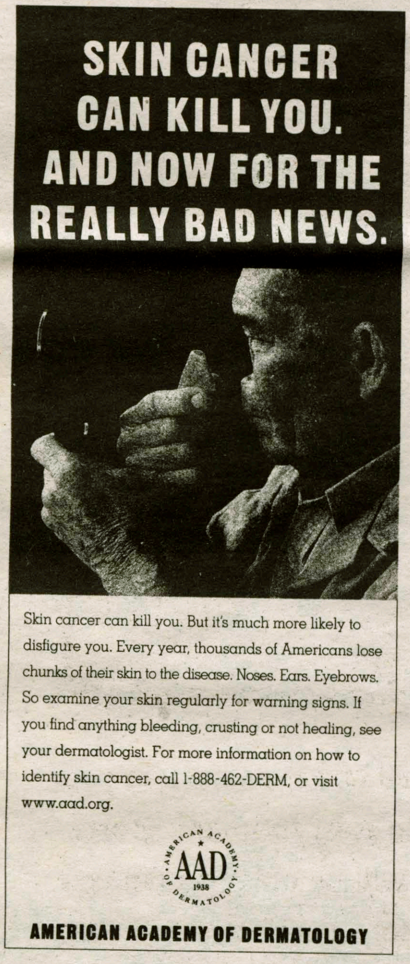

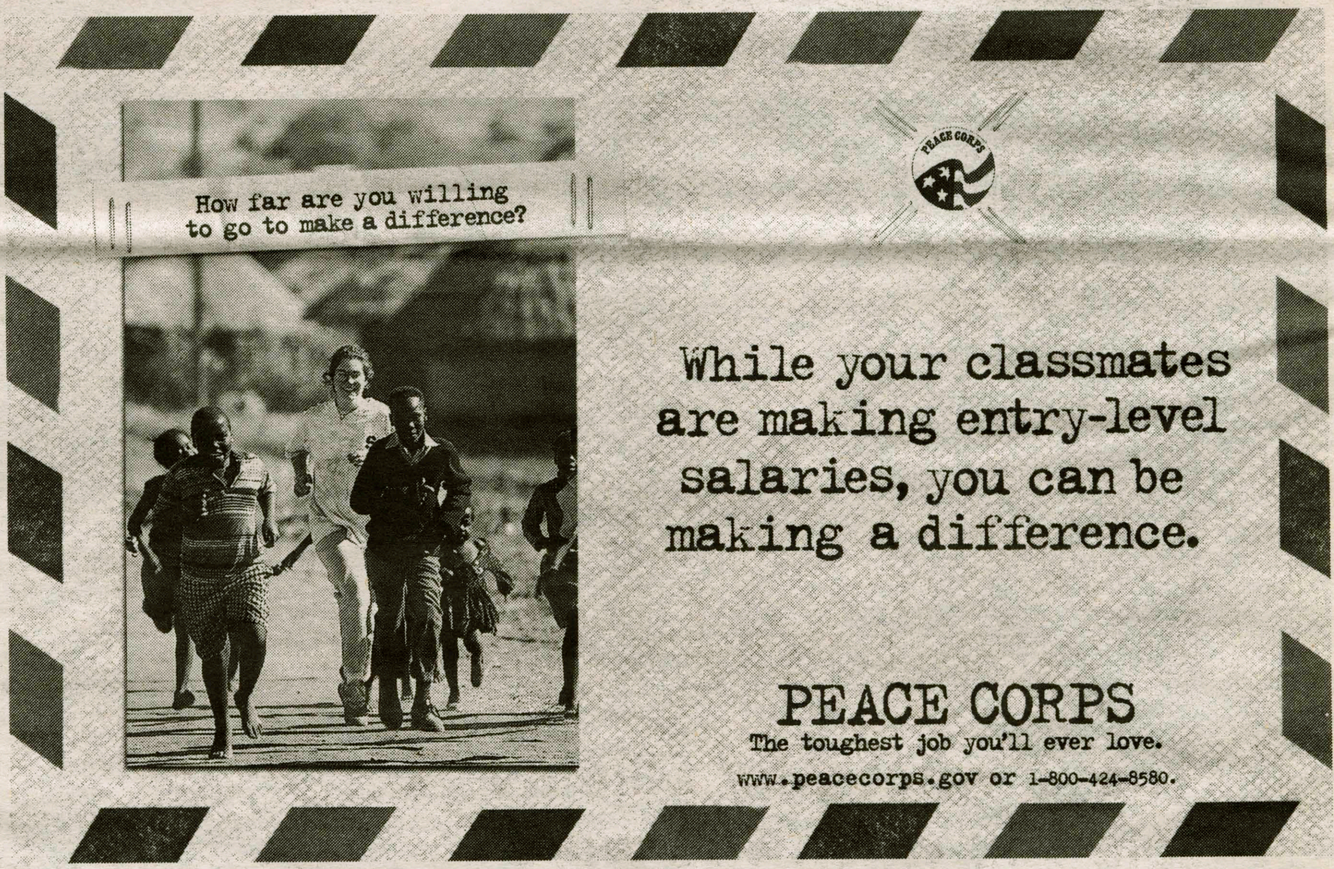

Write for Arts and Entertainment

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Men's Track and Field gets ready to kick off season

by Hansraj Bhukhmohan'05
SPORTS WRITER

Last year's men's indoor track team finished strong. It managed a top ten finish at the NYSCTC Indoor Championships.

Coming into this season there are still a few question marks up in the air.

However, team members and the coach expect a better showing this year.

"This year's squad is still in transition, but overall stronger than last year's team," says Coach Hull.

This year's team sports a smaller squad, but appears to have more depth.

"Our team is smaller, but we have higher quality players than in the past. The guys are highly motivated and there will be a better performance this year", says Doug Zeyak '02.

Having a smaller squad hurts the team a bit because injuries will have an even greater impact on the team's performance.

Another setback for this year's squad will be the absence of veterans Schuyler Gellatly '03, Mike Thompson '03, and Andrew Matlack '03, all of whom will be on leave.

This year's group of freshmen brings high hopes for the future.

Middle distance runners such as Chris Dunn '05, and Matt Drescher '05 are expected to help fill the void left by departing seniors. Scott Huntington '05 and Ben Wetstone '05 should only add to an already strong hurdling squad.

And the coach is anticipating big things out of sprinter Will Lynch '05 and Olamide Harrison '05.

The team should remain a strong contender in the middle distance events (800m, 1000m, and 1500m), as well as in hurdles.

However, in the sprinting events the coach says that success in this area really depends on the players being able to stay healthy.

Also on this year's squad are four returning members participating in throwing events, who should provide a strong experienced effort.

The team's first meet is this Saturday at Colgate. The coach doesn't expect a strong effort here, but sees this more as an opportunity for the guys to get their feet wet and ready for the season that starts at the end of winter break.

The team is really gearing up for the championship in March because this year's talent will allow them to have higher point finishes.

With a strong veteran presence and a talented freshman group big things are to be expected from the Continentals.

Time to roll for laid back men's squash

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's squash team started off its season with strong wins against rival Vassar College and St. Lawrence last Saturday. The team, which has been practicing for a little over three weeks, has already seen improvement from last year's team. Led by Phil Cameron '02 and captains Jon Mason '02 and Pete Safer '02, the team has a mix of experience and athletic ability that will make it a force to be reckoned with as the season progresses.

The team also boasts two freshmen, Duncan Cameron '05 and Nakul Patel '05, who are playing in the top five spots. They will give the program legs for the future as well.

"We're a bunch of laid back guys keen on winning," commented Mason.

Safer agreed, adding, "The team is much better than last year." The Conts came into the season ranked 31st in the country, and hope to finish in the top 20.

The Continentals' match against Vassar was the men's first match and home debut of the season. In the past, Vassar has proved to be too much for the Continentals, which made last week's victory that much sweeter. "We haven't beaten Vassar in a few years, so this was a good win," said Mason. Hamilton plays a tough schedule, facing many of the top teams in the country. However, the men expect to fare well and be placed in a higher grouping for Nationals this year.

Overall, Safer and Mason believe that the chemistry and work ethic of the team will lead to a very successful season.

The team is helped by second year coach Jamie King, who also instructs the men's and women's tennis teams. "Jamie is a nice guy and dedicated coach who wants us to excel," said Safer.

Mason agreed, adding, "The team seems to respond to his leadership."

The men's next match will take place at Hamilton on Saturday at 1pm against Rochester and Colgate.

Look for a women's squash preview next week.

Hoops runs and guns its way to a win

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and the players have come to expect it from themselves as well.

"We are going to get our points," said starting shooting guard Kevin Yanni '03, "but our main concern is getting defensive stops and defensive rebounds."

One of the reasons for Yanni's confidence in the offense was his own sniper-like performance from beyond the arc. He went 4-4 from downtown, and finished with 16 points on 6-8 shooting.

He was able to get free for good shots in part because the Hartwick defense began to collapse into the paint during the second half.

"Our guards did a great job distributing the ball," said Finley, "and when the defense started collapsing, we hit some tough shots from the outside."

Using a flawless inside-outside attack, the Hamilton big men then kicked the ball out for clear looks at the basket. The starting frontcourt finished the game with nine assists, demonstrating their ability and willingness to find the open man.

Also demonstrating this ability was first-year starter Greg Leone '04, who got the starting nod at the point from Murphy. Leone, who played behind both Jim Driggs and Pat Casey last year, began his second year on the team with an impressive seven assist, seven rebound performance.

"I feel really comfortable running the point," said Leone. "I learned a lot last year behind Driggs and Casey. I am also put in a position where I have great players around me that help me out."

Leone's comfort and the quality of players around him were both evident as the 6'1 sophomore orchestrated Hamilton's run-and-gun offense with excellent precision.

This in turn allowed the players who came off the bench to be seamlessly incorporated into the offense.

Stolarczyk and 5'9 guard Bill Weydemeyer '04 both made important offensive contributions off the bench.

In addition, every Continental to play was able to contribute defensively.

Finley said, "One of the key points in the game was that there was no let down when we substituted players.

Everyone came in, played hard, and contributed to the win."

With this kind of all-around effort and contribution, the Continentals expect that they will be successful not only against weaker teams such as Hartwick, but also against more substantial competition.

Indeed, when their front line dominates the glass, and their backcourt makes teams pay for collapsing in on the big men, there is no reason that the team cannot at least duplicate the success of the past few years.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly attractive **Sports Editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in** ***The Spectator.***

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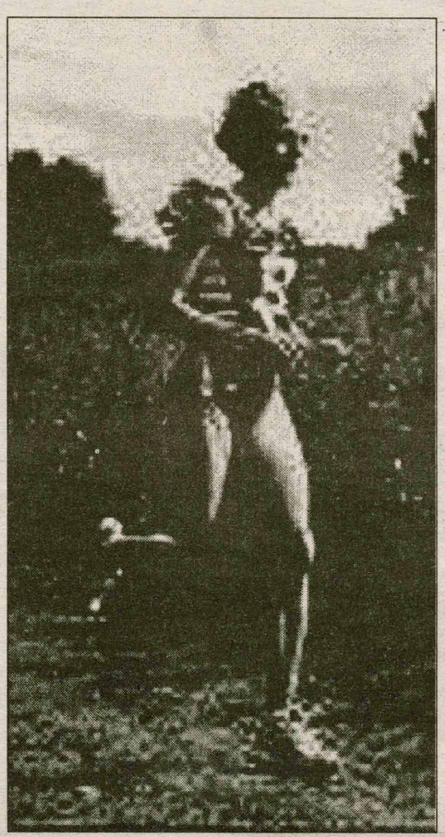
If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Athlete of the Year

Spotlight on: Maggie Hanson '02 Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03

This week *The Spectator* would like to honor Maggie Hanson '02 as the 2001 **Spectator Athlete of The Year**. Maggie, along with Jen Camarrano '03, led her team to a ninth place finish at the 2001 NCAA Division III Championships held at Augustanna College in Illinois. Chris Weeden '02 set a new standard for Continental running backs this season, and Sky Gellatly '03 led the men's soccer team to an impressive season. Hanson, though, has outshined everyone in the school and the Atlantic region and thus has earned this prestigious title.

Name: Maggie Hanson
Year: 2002
Major: Psychology
Hometown/HS: Bowdoinham, Me/Mount Ararat HS
Athletic accolades: 5000m indoor track national champion - 1st woman in school history to win a national title. 8x All-American, 2000 NYSWCAA Athlete of the Year, and almost every course record in the region and Hamilton school record. 5000m, 4x800m state track and field records, etc., etc., etc.
Game rituals or superstitions: I have lucky underwear that I have worn in races since my junior year of high school. I crinkle my race number before I pin it on my singlet and I wear a blue Nike sports bra.
You came in ninth at Nationals, were you disappointed: Yes, but as running legend Steve Prefontaine said, "To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift." A combination of sickness, nervousness and weather caused me to collapse with 20 meters to go in the race, which led me to finish ninth as opposed to battle to the finish line. I think the championship would have come right down to the final strides.
Family: Mom Pamela, Dad Joseph, brother Harry and two dogs that are much larger than me!
Secret to Success: Everyone wants to know the secret and it is just hard work. You have to be able to control yourself and behave a little bit.
Most memorable moment in your athletic career: When Doug Zeyak '02 and assistant coach Christian Weigant showed up surprising me at nationals in Illinois last year. It was a great surprise and they got to see me win a national championship.
Would you like to take a shot at a professional running career: I would like to continue racing after college and see how good I can get.
Can you picture yourself on the line at the US Championships looking for a ticket to the Olympics in 2004: 2004 is a little to close, but if any year would be my year to give it a go it would be 2008.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: Teaching psychology at a college and coaching.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be: Carrie, from Sex in the City. She's beautiful, stylish, smart, independent, gets invited to great parties, drinks cosmopolitans (which I've heard are good...), and has "mind blowing sex."
Favorite Movie, why: "Holiday Inn," an old one with Bing Crosby and Fred Astair, it has a ton of dancing in it and I love to dance.
Tray or no tray in commons: I am a tray girl, a tray just makes sense. With a tray you can take multiple drinks to your table in one trip, it is more sanitary for your silver wear as opposed to putting it on the table, and a better general presentation of your food. You would be foolish not be using a tray.
Are you a lover or a fighter: A lover, I am currently looking for a boyfriend. I have the flight instinct so I would always rather run away than fight.
The curve theory, has it turned your love life upside down since freshman year: I think that it is a valid theory with corresponding studies to prove it. I have a study life this year as opposed to a love life.
So are you currently on the market: Yes, I can be reached at x2893, I am looking for a single male who enjoys walks in the woods and candlelight dinners. He must like kids and be looking for a peaceful relationship and companionship.
Going back to your academic life, tell me about your study, which also deals with running: I have developed a model of the goal setting process and I am using my data from the cross-country seasons of eight teams (90 subjects) to see if my model is valid.
Have you found that what you have learned from this study has helped you in your running: Definitely. I think goal setting is a huge part of athletics.
Since you have only one class a semester, you pretty much do nothing everyday, huh: Well I only have one class but it meets twice a week, and I spend more time than I would in four classes just working on my project.
Not being a very big girl, what is the oddest item you have ever gotten into: I wore a real pumpkin for Halloween and also won 40 bucks at the Pub for my efforts.
Commons or McEwen: I am a dark-sider, but McEwen has certainly gone down hill since my freshman year. I also hate smelling like stir-fry after I leave Mcewen, so I would say Commons.
Bun Huggers, fashion statement or race day necessity: Fashion statement! I would practice in those things if it was socially acceptable.
Favorite thing about seeing me on a daily basis at practice: You never know what new scar will appear on your body or what trouble you have gotten into last.
Most disappointing experience of the semester: I heard that I made the butt-list article for the *Spectator*, but then I found out that some not so funny editor of the *Spectator* cut the article, I was really, really upset.
Well Maggie, I'm as disappointed as you are, but as you found out November 17th, you can't win them all.



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Maggie Hanson has led the cross country to yet another successful season, cluminating in a ninth place finish at the NCAA Championships. She did this despite collapsing from sickness.

Good starts for Men's and Women's Swimming teams

by Josh Sargen '05
SPORTS WRITER

The youthful men's and women's swimming teams leapt into their season with a promising home meet November 17th against Hartwick and Ithaca.

Led by strong showings in the 400-medley relay, Cady Kashner '03 in 1-meter diving, and Brittany Achin '05 in the 200 breaststroke, the women defeated Hartwick 150-77 and suffered a tough defeat to a perennially strong Ithaca squad.

The men faired similarly, beating Hartwick 137-76. However, they lost 141-78 to Ithaca.

An excellent 400-medley relay and co-captain Eric Schwenker's '02 200m backstroke were key performances.

Coach Dave Thompson emphasized the progress the teams have made since their November 10th inter-squad meet saying, "We were noticeably better in every event."

Better conditioning was a prominent reason for both teams' progress.

Aran Lawrence '05 pointed out, "We have been training hard and that was evident in the meet on Saturday."

Coach Thompson added, "People saw what they have been doing in practice is paying off."

It was not only the demanding training schedule that enabled the Continentals to be so competitive against Hartwick and Ithaca.

The rapid development of the combined 25 freshmen throughout the first month of the season certainly was also a major factor in Hamilton's early success.

Schwenker said, "The freshman did really well and that bodes well for the rest of the season."

The Continentals know there is always room for improvement. Thompson believes both teams' can work even more on their conditioning to allow for later season success.

Thompson explained, "Increasing your fitness level takes consistency and time."

Traveling to Florida for over a week during winter break combined with a week of intense training before classes resume will allow both teams to improve upon their impressive early season conditioning.

Thompson pointed out, "With more work we can do some great things."

Let's make some (real) noise!

by Paul P. Jones '03
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton College is a fabulous institution full of amazing people and exciting academic adventures.

Hamilton College though is one place that severely lacks school sprit and enthusiasm in intercollegiate athletics.

In high school my cheering sections were standing room only, filled with obnoxious, rowdy yet CLEVER and ORGANIZED rabid fans.

When I try to lead a section of hockey fans into a "sieve, sieve, sieve..." chant or a simple, "Let's go Conts, Let's go Conts" and nobody is ready or willing to jump on this faithful back.

Doing so would mean going on a trip to the promised land of organized cheering that we are all seriously missing out on.

This could be a fun and memorable aspect of college life, but Hamilton students would rather complain about social options then go out and make their own fun.

We can turn around this sad state of Hamilton school spirit, but it will require the cooperation and dedication of the entire student population.

Does anyone besides me find it disturbing that 3/4's of the crowd left the Citrus Bowl after Hamilton scored its first goal of the game?

Hey Dawg Pound, I am not forgetting you. There is loads of potential there, but you again lack creativity and organization.

Your chants persuading coach Murphy to put your favorite DU brother in the game are well organized but, give me a break, are you really getting in the opponent's head?

I don't want this spur of the moment editorial to sound too angry and full of finger pointing, but please, fellow Continental fans, it is time to turn over a new leaf and start cheering like real college students.

Sports

First home victory lets Women's Hoops display fresh talent, veteran leadership

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team played in its home opener on Tuesday night against Utica College.

The Continentals were too quick for Utica jumping out to a twelve point lead early in the first half and then pulled away for good in the second half finishing with a 61-42 win.

"It was our first home game and it was good to brush some of the rust off," said Coach Julie Diehl. "It was good to get a win, but a lot of the team felt better after the loss to NYU then they did about this win. We still need to improve our rebounding and do a better job of boxing out. We need to work on executing plays and ball movement."

Jenny Russell '02 led all Continentals in scoring with 23 points.

Missy Nelson '05 came off the bench to add eleven points and seven rebounds.

Jen Munoz '04 added five points, and Anna Jablonski '05 had four points and seven rebounds. Karen Pogonowski '02 added two points for the Continentals.

"It was only our third game and we still have a lot of kinks to work out in terms of the fluency of our offense and defense," said Jablonski. "We did really well. It was a good win for early in the season but we can improve."

The Continentals are very quick at the guard position, led by co-captain Russell and Larissa Hopkins '04.

The other starters for the Continentals include, co-captain Pogonowski, Stephanie Dunn '03 and Jablonski, who is filling in for the injured Holly Erick '04. Liz Casey '03, Lara Baron '03, Avery Anderson '03, Katie Arnold '04, Munoz, Johanna Traut '04, Tricia Czeski '05 and Ashley Hatfield '05 round out this young Continental squad.

Last year the team finished 9-15 leaving them sixth out of eight teams in the UCAA.

This year's team is looking to make an improvement under the leadership of Diehl. Diehl said, "I expect a lot more from this year's team because of the chemistry I see. They are a very intense and dedicated team and they are also very tough mentally.

The work ethic is also there. They go very hard in practice and I have had to tell them that we have a whole season ahead and we need to save ourselves. This year's team is very physical and they play hard all the time."

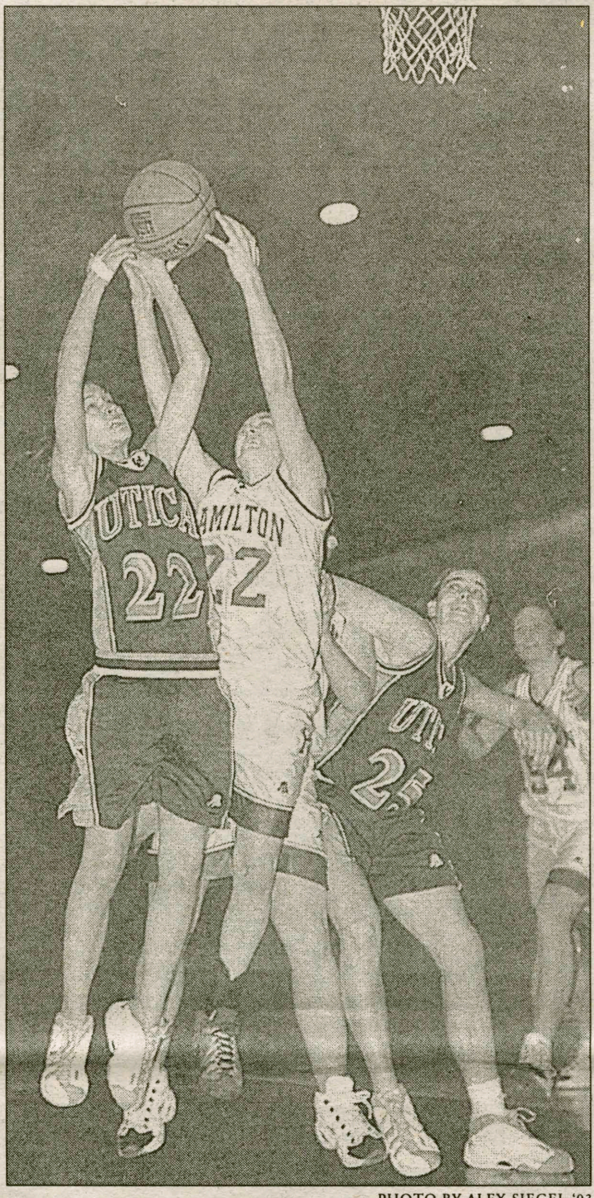
The team returns several key players from last year including Russell, Pogonowski, Erick, Hopkins and Dunn all of whom will start this year. Returning so many experienced players should help the team tremendously.

Munoz will also play a big role in the Continentals success this year.

The 2001-02 team also added four rookies, Jablonski, Tricia Czeski '05, Nelson and Ashley Hatfield '05. "Anna, Missy and Tricia should contribute a lot to the team this year," said Diehl. "Ashley is still rehabbing her knee and is working hard to get her confidence back in both her knee and her shot."

When asked about pressures that have come with starting as a freshmen, Jablonski said, "I am glad to step into the role but because I am still young I have a lot of work I still need to do. The opportunity to play with Karen and Jenny will only help me because I can learn a lot from them."

The Continentals next game is on December 5th when they will travel to Buffalo to play Medaille.



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Hamilton's Missy Nelson (22) goes airborne to reject a shot by a Utica forward during Tuesday night's game.

Scoreboard

Men's Hoops	1-0
Women's Hoops	2-1
Men's Hockey	3-0
Women's Hockey	1-3
Men's Squash	2-0
Women's Squash	0-2

Women's X-C places ninth

Hanson leads team to season-long goal

by Michael Everhart '02
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"At the beginning of the season our goal was to finish in the top ten at NCAA's," said co-captain Maggie Hanson '02.

Without a doubt, mission accomplished.

The women's cross-country team achieved its goal by finishing ninth at the NCAA Championships in Rock Island, IL on November 17th.

The team finished seventh and 15th in 1999 and 2000. Middlebury and Williams finished first and second for the second straight year, while Amherst and Wisconsin Oshkosh finished seventh and eighth, just beating out the Continentals.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "The meet went really well for the team and I'm very proud of everyone. We definitely met our goals for the season."

Leading the team in her last cross-country meet was Hanson, who finished ninth overall with a time of 17:27.

She was in second place after 2.5 miles but began to feel dizzy and eventually collapsed about 20 meters before the finish line.

She was able to walk across the finish line just behind Liz Woodworth of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Hanson said, "Although I was slightly disappointed with how things turned out for me I was very happy for the team. We had a great time at NCAA's."

Hanson was named the Runner of the Year for the Atlantic Region.

Jen Cammarano '03 finished 24th overall with a time of 17:45, a personal best, just behind Middlebury's Molly Yazwinski. Hanson and Cammarano earned All-American honors for their top 35 finishes.

Finishing third on the team was Annie Toth '02, who finished 75th with a season's best time of 18:23.

Toth said, "[NCAA's] was definitely a great way to end a seven-year cross country career. Participating in cross-country has been one of my most memorable experiences here at Hamilton. I give a lot of credit to Coach Hull, our assistant coaches, and my fellow teammates for this."

Finishing 28 seconds behind Toth was Julianna Allport '05 in 128th place.

"NCAA's was an unforgettable experience and as a freshman I really am so grateful for getting the opportunity to go," said Allport.

Rounding out the top five was Emily Cooper '05, who finished 165th with a personal best time of 19:14.

Maura Boyle '04 and Margo Rockwell '05 finished in 187th and 208th place with times of 19:39 and 20:08.

With a relatively young but talented team there is a good chance that the Continentals will be competing at NCAA's for a fourth straight year in 2002.

Most of the team now makes the transition to indoor track.

Men's Hoops gets off to good start, beats Hartwick

by Andy Horner '03
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Combine an aggressive defense, a dominant front line, dead-eye shooting, and solid ball distribution, and you have a pretty clear picture of the opening performance of the 2001-2002 Hamilton Continentals. This past Wednesday against Hartwick, the Continentals came out and surprised just about everyone, including themselves, with the high all-around quality of their first game of the season.

"I was surprised that the team played as well as we did," commented forward Noah Hammond '02. "We meshed together better than I thought we would."

This successful meshing was made possible in large part by the play of Hammond, who scored seven points and corralled six rebounds, and his two starting frontcourt mates, forwards Joe Finley '03 and Joe Smith '04. Finley notched a team high 21 points on 9-16 shooting from the floor and grabbed eight boards, while Smith produced Hamilton's first double-double of the season, collecting 12 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. The Continentals fourth dominant big man, Justin Stolarczyk '02, was just as effective while scoring 11 points in only 15 minutes.

The first half of the game was dominated by the Hamilton frontcourt, and Hartwick soon found themselves overcome by the Continentals' combination of size, speed, and skill. "We are a bigger and faster team than last year," explained Finley, "which is going to make it very difficult for teams to match up against us."

In addition to the efficient offensive attack, the Continental defense gave the Hawks fits with its aggressive half-court pressure and constant focus on the ball. It is this type of pressure that Hamilton coach Tom Murphy expects every game,

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